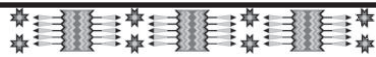




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Ada, Oklahoma

A lifesaver for working mothers

New tribal Sick Child Care Center dedicated in Ada



Chickasaw Nation officials and representatives gather with Gov. Bill Anoatubby to cut the ribbon dedicating the tribal Sick Child Care Center in Ada. From left, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families (ACF) representatives Elsie Chaisson and Gwendolyn Jones; tribal Child Care supervisor Becky Anoatubby; Sick Child Care Center manager Gary Wear; Child Care director Michelle Key; tribal Education Division administrator Lisa John; Gov. Bill Anoatubby; tribal legislators Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Katie Case and Mary Jo Green; Chickasaw Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon; ACF representatives Joey Bishop and Lisa Blackmon-Hansard; and tribal Youth and Family Division administrator Jay Keel.

Chickasaw law enforcement

Lighthorse chief builds force's mission

Writing a college term paper is the biggest responsibility facing most young people during their first four years after high school graduation.

Jason O'Neal's responsibilities included making sure there were no explosives in areas the U.S. president may be visiting.

O'Neal graduated from Ada (OK) High School in 1994, and began his law enforcement career in 1995 as a military police canine handler in the U.S.

Marine Corps. During his four years in the Marines, one of his duties was to work with the U.S. Secret Service to ensure the safety of the president and other dignitaries visiting the area.

In those four years he also served as a police officer and police supervisor.

He then served six years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs office of law enforcement services in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and Oklahoma as a



JASON O'NEAL

federal police officer and police supervisor.

In 2004, the 28-year-old O'Neal took on the daunting task of building a new police department – the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police - from the ground up.

“Jason is doing a tremendous job as Chief of the Lighthorse Police Department,” said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. “From the first

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ADA, Okla. – The ribbon was officially cut January 16 dedicating the new Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care Center in Ada. The facility is located at 224 Rosedale Road in Ada, near other Chickasaw Nation child care facilities.

“Parents who need to work face a dilemma when a child feels fine but has a symptom which prevents a day care provider from accepting him or her,” said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. “This center provides a great solution for many working parents who face the challenge of finding quality care for a child with the sniffles or other minor symptom.”

The Sick Child Care Center is licensed for approximately 35 children. It is designed to protect the health, safety and well-being of well and mildly ill children. The center offers care

from trained child care professionals who provide children the time and attention needed during an illness.

One of the biggest problems working parents face is finding child care arrangements when their children are ill. Currently, there are only a handful of sick child care services in the country, and no operating sick child care centers in Oklahoma.

The idea of a Sick Child Care facility originated in 2002 and was initially developed as a Chickasaw Nation economic development program. Hours of research and brainstorming with several resource materials were implemented to make this a complete project. Many within the Chickasaw Nation and the community saw the Sick Child

See Sick Child Care Center, page 16

2008's first baby



Proud parents Briana Lancaster and Bryce Gaddy are pictured with BrookeLynn Grace Gaddy, the first baby of 2008 born at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada, Okla. BrookeLynn arrived January 1, 2008 at 5:43 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth. Gifts including a car seat, blankets and clothing were provided courtesy of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. The family is from Sulphur, Okla.

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December 21, 2007**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, James A. Humes, Larry Smith, Jeff O'Dell, Tony Choate, Sue Simmons

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - November 15, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the November 15, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of November 15, 2007 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

GR25-007, Approval of Application for Funding - Administration on Aging, Title VI, Part A Grants for Native Americans and Title VI, Part C Grant for Native American Caregiver Support

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-007 carried unanimously.

GR25-008, Authorization for Chickasaw Nation to Apply for Bureau of Justice Assistance Gang Resistance Education and Training Grant

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR25-008.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-008 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

No report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Blackwood Scott stated her report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green stated they have started moving ground on the new hospital, and that her report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*. She concluded her report.

Chairperson Briggs reported that the bonds were sold at a good rate and the Nation will be charged interest as funds are withdrawn

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James A. Humes made comments regarding the need for more communication between the Legislators and the citizens, the hospital bond issue, and the length of the Legislative Session.

Ms. Sue Simmons expressed a need for a child care center in Ardmore, and a cost of living raise for the Chickasaw Nation employees.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on per capita payments.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Service recognized



Chickasaw Legislative chairman Linda Briggs, right, presents administrative assistant Monette Richardson with an appreciation plaque commemorating her 25 years of service to the Chickasaw Legislature. The presentation was made during the January 18 tribal legislative meeting.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

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Tribal awareness requires historical context

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

It is interesting to note, as we are now well into the 21st Century, that the general population in the United States is now much more aware of tribes and their contributions to the country than they were just 40 years ago.

Due in large part to the attention many tribes now afford communications efforts, Americans in general today have at least a nominal understanding of tribes in our country. Additionally, commercial successes by a number of tribes have raised awareness and necessarily created an enhanced level of understanding of tribes.

However, tribes in the United States continue to suffer from a long-term lack of meaningful interest and understanding by their fellow Americans. When analyzing American history in light of the genesis and maturation of the tribal-federal relationship, it quickly becomes apparent that decisions have been made and actions taken with little or no input from the tribal side of the

equation.

When the 1820s and 1830s landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases involving the essential and inherent sovereignty of tribal government were being decided, it is important, educational – and curious – to note that tribes and Indians were virtually left out of the entire process. The 1823 case of *Johnson v. McIntosh* (tribal property rights); the 1831 case of *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia* (tribal status in relation to the federal government); and the 1832 case of *Worcester v. Georgia* (the international standing of tribal treaty rights) were each monumental decisions regarding tribes.

And each was decided almost always without the benefit of direct tribal involvement.

Each of the above cases established, at minimum, a baseline for the new country when engaged in affairs with sovereign tribes. The curious thing is that all these important elements were decided without an apparent thought being given to how the tribes might feel about the process.

What is plain to us now was obviously not so plain almost



Gov. **BILL ANOATUBBY**

200 years ago. It is obvious from studying the processes that Indians and tribal governments were considered unwilling, unable or incapable of contributing to the discussion.

The fact that tribes are directly discussed in the U.S. Constitution makes these occurrences even more unusual. In Article I, section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution, commonly known as the Commerce Clause, the document empowers the U.S. Congress to “regulate commerce with foreign nations...states...and with the Indian tribes.” Legal scholars consistently point

to this clause as the bedrock of tribal sovereignty recognition by the United States.

Of course, there have been thousands of treaties, agreements and documents which have, over the centuries, affirmed tribal sovereignty.

While, I believe, tribes are now better understood and more highly regarded than at any time in modern history, there remains lacking a deep and well-considered understanding of what tribes have meant to this country. It is imperative for any student of Indian history to totally immerse himself or herself in historical context in order to gain a proper appreciation tribal participation and accomplishment.

As we each know, “Indian law,” “Indian policy,” and “Indian affairs” can mean almost anything.

During the American Revolutionary period, we were actively sought out as trade partners, military allies and friends. For a period after the war and American independence, we continued to fulfill those roles, and more. Into the 1800s, as we sought to continue our traditional lives

and governments, federal law and policy began to vacillate and actions often became punitive, even to the point of removal, assimilation and tribal elimination.

More policy wobbling occurred until the current period of relative peace and prosperity began 40 years ago.

It is a testament to the Chickasaw people, and the people of countless other tribes, that our forebears persevered through tremendously trying circumstances so that we might arrive, together, at this point today.

While we were most often not even considered as a people as decisions were made for us or about us, our ancestors made it through the dark times thanks to the strength they created by relying on each other.

Now, thanks to their sacrifices and their willingness to endure the toughest of times, we are at the point of tremendous and powerful Chickasaw achievement. We are now in position to help Chickasaws, and others, by being vital, active and informed advocates for good things that benefit tribes and Indian people.

Original enrollee Daisy Blackbird celebrates 105th Birthday



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby visits with Daisy Blackbird during her 105th birthday celebration Friday.

Chickasaw original enrollee Daisy Blackbird celebrated her 105th birthday January 18, 2008 in Oklahoma City.

“Most people say when you get old you have to give things up,” said Mrs. Blackbird. “I think you get old because you give things up.”

“Cherish all your happy mo-

ments. They make a fine cushion for old age.”

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was among the guests at a birthday party for Mrs. Blackbird.

“It is a privilege to be among those honoring Daisy today,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “We treasure Daisy, and all of our elders.

They are the ones who laid the ground work and blazed the trails for all of us.”

Mary Jane Alexander, author of “Salt of the Red Earth: A Century of Wit and Wisdom from Oklahoma’s Elders,” presented Mrs. Blackbird with an official induction certificate into the Centenarian Club of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Blackbird is featured in Ms. Alexander’s book, which includes more than 100 Oklahomans who were born on or before 1907.

Mrs. Blackbird is the widow of Oklahoma Chief Justice William H. Blackbird.

Ms. Alexander read guests a quote from the book in which Daisy talks about her marriage to the late Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice.

“I was payroll clerk for the Supreme Court, and he was elected judge from Muskogee. His office was right across from mine. He had just bought a new car, a Buick, and asked me if I

wanted a ride.

“Well we ended up married, and I lost my job. But it was worth it.”

Mrs. Blackbird grinned and nudged Gov. Anoatubby, inducing good spirited chuckles from everyone in the room.

In 2001, Gov. Anoatubby presented Mrs. Blackbird with a specially-designed medal honoring her as an original enrollee on the Dawes Commission rolls.

Dawes Commission sought to end tribes, break up tribal land base

The Dawes Commission was created to dissolve tribal governments and divide tribal land among individual members of the Five Civilized Tribes. The Commission failed in the task of dissolving tribal governments.

All those tribal governments are in operation today, and the Dawes Commission rolls still serve as the basis for tribal citizenship. To be eligible for a Certificate of Degree of Indian

Mrs. Blackbird was born Jan. 18, 1903 in Tupelo, Indian Territory to Arthur E. and Elizabeth Hawley. She was enrolled as a Chickasaw citizen in 1905.

Her mother, one brother and two sisters are also listed on the original Dawes Commission rolls as Chickasaws by blood.

After spending her early years on the farm, Mrs. Blackbird be-

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Blood and citizenship in one of these tribes, an individual must establish that he is a lineal descendant of an original enrollee.

According to Dawes Commission records, 5,914 individuals were enrolled as Chickasaw citizens by blood. This included 578 newborns and 324 minors.

Virtually all of these individuals were enrolled between June 28, 1898 and March 5, 1907.

Fellow tribes seek Chickasaw business expertise



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hi, Everyone!

By now I hope your New Year is off to a good start that is giving you a warm "I like where I am" feeling!

Busy is built into our schedules as we look at new projects and new proposals. Many, many tribes across the country call and come to see our businesses and all are interested in the 'how's' of our business success. Our business people do a great job of being "neighborly" and assisting all that they can but it has finally arrived at a position that we are starting a consulting type department to help other tribes with their ventures.

This will be a good thing as we help our fellow Native Americans also prosper. Our division handling our business does an extraordinary job and it is easy to understand the interest we receive from other tribes.

Today was scheduled to at long last do the ribbon cutting on our senior site at Duncan and the weather didn't even remotely cooperate. We have icy precipitation and the event had to be postponed. Much disappointment on this long awaited event. The facility is beautiful and will give those seniors in the Duncan area many, many hours of enjoyment.

We are proud that as a tribe we are able to do the things for our seniors that we do and not only cause them enjoyment, but enhance the quality of their lives. Lots of good food and lots of friendly camaraderie will happen there!

Even if the ribbon cutting had to be delayed we are so happy the facility is at long last complete!

As more and more community councils come into being around the country we as your legislature have pledged to have someone in attendance at every meeting. Sometime there may be conflict but other than that

it should not be a problem. And remember, if circumstances cause you to be in Ada on the third Friday of any month, that is when we have our formal session. We love when our citizens attend.

Throughout the Tribe and including the legislature everyone has started working on the budget for the 2009 fiscal year. A monumental project and much, much work before it gets a point of presentation to the Legislature and subject to approval.

Everyone take care-Stay warm and safe!

Linda Briggs

There is plenty to read and see at www.goforthparker.com

If the question was to blog or not to blog, I would have to say that I am glad that I did. So far, my blog has been up for four months (give or take a few days). I have had more than 550 page contacts, which probably means less people than 550 have actually visited the blog. I was hoping for more, but as the saying goes, do not despise small beginnings.

My favorite moment in the blogging process was when my son Wyas and I went out on one very cold December night to take pictures of the Christmas lights at the Chickasaw Nation campus. We set up the camera on a tripod and took pictures of ourselves with the poinsettias. They are my favorite Christmas flower. I just appreciated having a son who was willing to take pictures of his mom on a cold night doing what she loves to do best – being a Legislator for the Chickasaw Nation. He did not mind one bit helping me, and as it often is with younger people, he was able to get my camera to work perfectly without reading instructions.

Another favorite moment was the ground breaking for the new hospital located here in Ada. I have a great picture with Dr. Grim, former director of the Indian Health Service. He and his wife, Dr. Gloria Grim, both traveled to Ada to be a part of the grand occasion. There is a slide show of the ground breaking if you have not seen it. You can see many archived slide shows.



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I love my camera and love sharing pictures.

For New Years, I included a picture of my white dog Noel as a part of the greeting along with an invitation for you to send pictures of your white dogs to me for a very special "white dog" slide show. As you know, the white dog has quite a legend in the Chickasaw Nation culturally. I have the web address for the legend of the white dog in the blog for your convenience. I was a little disappointed that no pictures were sent, but I understand. It is pretty troublesome to do pictures, attachments and that sort of thing. I still would

welcome white dog pictures and we may still get that slide show going. Who knows? We could win some blog award for unique slide shows.

For an upcoming and hopefully long running slide show and update, I will be showing you pictures of the hospital as the construction progresses. I am hoping that you will enjoy that. The web site is

www.goforthparker.com. By the time you read this, I will have an article written for your purview.

People often ask why Legislators publish articles in *the Chickasaw Times*. What I am

quick to remind them is that legislation actually established two pages in *the Times* for us to use for a communication tool. Over the years, several of us have begun to use this forum for a means to communicate with you. The blog is a different story. I love technology and decided it would be yet another way to talk with you.

I look forward to hearing from you. Hope that you will visit my site. If you want to contact me through the blog, all you have to do is become a member of Wordpress. It is not hard.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Your Legislator of the Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 14, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Education Committee

January 7, 2008

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman

Finance Committee

January 14, 2008

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Health Committee

January 7, 2008

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Donna Hartman

Human Resource Committee

January 7, 2008

Present: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott

Legislative Committee

January 7, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

January 7, 2008

Present: Katie Case, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Sick Child Care Center will lighten load for working moms



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care

Committee!

The weather has been typical of January in Oklahoma - more cold than fair days. However, we can just start to look toward Spring and the renewal of plant life.

Work continues on the new hospital and we held the ribbon-cutting for the opening of the sick child facility last month. This facility will add so much to our preschool, day care and Headstart programs. Now when a child needs to be isolated because of a slight temperature, sniffles, etc., we have a facility and staff to monitor the child without costing a lost work day for a parent. This should especially be a huge help for working

single mothers.

There is a long waiting list to get children enrolled into the Chickasaw programs and we continue to expand our facilities to meet the growth and needs of our citizens.

Health System Administrator Bill Lance has submitted the following statistics: for the month of December, 2008 there were 215 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 17,632. December Emergency Room visits were 1,040. December saw 212 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,984 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 1,747 patients in

December. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,580 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,751. The Durant Clinic saw 2,597 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,839 in December.

Because our figures for the Health System run on the calendar year, we have the year end total figures also. For all of 2007, there were 2,640 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 197,028. 2007 Emergency Room visits were 12,478. 2007 saw 3,008 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 33,390 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 38,406 patients

in 2007. The Ardmore Clinic saw 34,757 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 24,831. The Durant Clinic saw 29,173 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 19,343 in 2007.

All I can say about those figures is... WOW, that is a lot of health care!

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site.

My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Legislature votes increased home loan funding



Katie Case
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Hello everyone,
The first full month of 2008 is behind us and February is here.

We are well "into" the new year. This is a special time of year to me. In February, Wayne and I have been married for 44 years. Wedding anniversaries make me think of family and thoughts of family take me to thoughts of home.

As much emotional significance as home holds for most of us, the house we call home can also be a financial tool to be used to better the lives of our family, today and in the future. Like all markets, the real estate market has its ups and downs. When viewed over the long-term, though, the real estate market has shown a steady increase. The steady increase, along with

monthly payments, eventually creates situations where less is owed than the house is worth. This "good" situation is called an "equity" situation. Equity can be used to fund education. In some cases, equity has been used to achieve a family's first college graduate. Equity can be and has been used to start businesses that provide for families and that enrich whole communities, as well as the lives of the individuals creating the businesses.

In the September session of your Chickasaw Legislature, we voted a \$1 million increase in funding for home construction loans in conjunction with the

Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program. The Chuka Chukmasi program is an incredible home financing program for Chickasaws living in our outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw Nation employees. The loans are only for houses that will be purchased or constructed to be lived in by the borrower. Kay Perry, Summer Stick, Kyra Childers, Gina Musgrave and Janet Hill do a wonderful and amazingly fast job in preparing applicants for making a home application. All applicants are treated with respect and assisted equally and professionally. While there are no guarantees of loan approval,

applicants with scarred credit histories and even bankruptcies can be and are assisted in achieving a home loan. Rates are very competitive and underwriting guidelines are more forgiving than that of traditional mortgage lenders. Grants for down payment and closing costs assistance are available. There is a \$3,000 grant available to Chickasaws and a \$2,500 grant available to Chickasaw Nation employees.

As much as Kay and her team do to facilitate home ownership, the Chuka Chukmasi program is a hand up, rather than a hand out. Applicants are required to provide the usual loan support documentation. Some applicants may be required to do some credit repair work. Home ownership workshops are held for applicants living within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. For applicants residing outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, one-on-one telephone counseling is available. The rewards of home ownership, however, are well worth the personal investment.

A representative of the Chuka Chukmasi program can be reached by calling (580) 421-8800.

I hope you have a happy Valentine's Day and a wonderful February.

Respectfully,
Katie

New center for ill children helps our women keep working



Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

The ribbon has been cut and the Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care Center is now open for business in Ada!

This facility fulfills an important role in the lives of so many working women. Most women are now in the work force, many of them as full-timers. Many of these women have young children who must be cared for while Mom works.

A real challenge these mothers have had is how to find care for a sick child on a work day. Traditional day care centers and similar facilities will not accept a child if he or she is running a temperature or displaying signs

of illness.

In the past, mothers have been forced to take a day off of work in order to stay home with the sick child. This situation leads to reduced productivity in the work force, as well as reduced compensation for the mother.

The Sick Child Care Center is located on Rosedale Road in Ada, near our Wellness Center and other tribal facilities. It is nice and large, over 4,200 square feet, and is beautiful both inside and out.

The facility has a staff of trained and experienced child care providers, and it can handle up to 35 children daily.

This is another example of our tribe reaching out to provide assistance to Chickasaws and others who really need it.

While we don't ever wish illness on any child, we are hopeful our working mothers will find the Sick Child Care Center "just what the doctor ordered" when one of their children is sick on a work day.

My contact information is: Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott, Route 1, Box 42, Elmore City, OK 73433. My phone number is (580) 788-4730 and my email address is scotttdes@telepath.com

Last-minute trip to Washington proves to be eventful



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

It is exciting to see what this New Year has in store for us. Last month, some of our Chickasaw brothers and sisters experienced a rather severe ice storm and some went without electricity for quite a while. Times like these make us appreciate what we have. Our ancestors

endured daily hardships. They were a strong people. Aren't you glad?

I just wanted to share with readers some of the neat occurrences of our Panola District citizens. For all you hunters out there take a look at this prize! This nice sized buck was taken right here in the Panola District! Proof, that there are still areas here in Indian country where the wildlife is abundant. The hunter of this 150 pound white tailed deer is one of our own Chickasaw citizens, Mr. Kimmy Swindell. Mr. Swindell has resided in the Panola District for most of his life. He is the descendant of original enrollee Mary Potts on his father's side and original enrollee, Leland Duckworth on his mother's side. While visiting and looking at pictures, we discovered that we are related! Ms. Rhoda Gunn was in both of our family trees. As for the buck, he will be a wall hanger in



From left, Rick Alexander, Beth Alexander, Heath Clayton, Ambassador Charles Blackwell, Micah Hale, Becky Clayton and Bud Clayton.

Kimmy's hunting lodge!

Did everyone get their 2008 calendar from the Chickasaw Nation? (If you didn't, contact me.) It was nice to see that this year's calendar is featuring Senior Citizens from different nutrition sites in the Chickasaw Nation. Like a proud parent, I

must point out that our very own Panola District Seniors were featured in the new calendar. They were chosen to be the "pin ups" for the month of January! Here in the Panola District, our seniors are busy taking field trips, doing taco sales, and participating in senior social events. Come and be a part of the fun. I encourage those of you who live outside the boundaries to check out each month's featured pictures to see if you recognize faces or names. Many of these people could be related to you. Wouldn't it be neat to make the connection?

Back in November, my sister, and her husband were going to Washington, D.C. to visit their son, Heath. At the last moment my husband and I decided to jump in and go too. Would you believe we were able to get a round trip ticket for under \$250? A college friend of Heath's arranged sleeping accommodations while we were there. It was

a memorable trip!

While in Washington, I introduced my family to Mr. Charles Blackwell, Ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation. Mr. Blackwell provided us with refreshments, information on must see locations while in Washington, and most importantly, directions! We had a great times touring the White House and seeing several of the National monuments. Using taxis and the Metro transit system was an experience for those of us who live away from the big city life! As they say, "It is nice to visit but there is no place like home!"

Heath was chosen from over 1,200 applicants to serve as an intern in the Office of Strategic Initiatives at the White House. The internship lasted for three-and-a-half months and he experienced many once in a life time opportunities. While serving as an intern, he was awarded an AT&T sponsored Native American Scholarship for George Washington University in Washington, D.C. To learn more on the Internship Program look for Heath Clayton's interview in next month's edition. While Heath's intern position was not done tribally, there are other intern positions available through the Chickasaw Nation Education Department. As Heath would say, "Go for it!"

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Tribal court services now in Purcell



Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon
Supreme Court Justice

Chukma! Greetings from the Supreme Court Justices: Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, Barbara Smith and Mark Colbert. We hope you enjoyed your holiday season and had a wonderful new year.

Chickasaw Nation District Court/Court Advocates

We want to remind everyone of our recent expansion of court services for the Purcell area. Each Wednesday, court advocate David Ponder is at the Purcell Regional Office to help citizens. Court advocates are provided by the Judicial Branch

to assist citizens with preparation of papers for Court filing, provide direction on service of the papers, provide information on presenting evidence to state your case before the Court and assist with preparing orders or final decrees to finalize the matter. To schedule an appointment with David, please call the District Court at (580) 235-0279 or (800) 479-1459.

We have been made aware that traveling to the District Court in Ada is a hardship for some of our citizens. With continued support from Governor Anoatubby and the executive and legislative branches, we are able to bring our services to you. We are pleased to announce that a court advocate will be meeting with citizens once per week in the Ardmore area in the near future. We are currently reviewing the applications for the court advocate positions.

Chickasaw Bar Association

The Chickasaw Bar Association will be hosting its annual conference on April 4, 2008 at the Winstar Golf Course in Thackerville. Our Bar members are invited to be our guests for the day so be expecting more information about the event.

The Winstar staff were wonderful hosts last year so we look forward to another great event. We are extremely pleased with the growth of the Chickasaw Bar Association. Presently, we have 175 members.

Employee Service Award

We would like to congratulate Jason Burwell for 15 years of dedicated service to the Chickasaw Nation. Jason is our Judicial Clerk/Peacemaking Coordinator.

"It's been a great ride to see how our people have progressed since 1992 and it's very satisfying to see where we are today and where we'll be tomorrow," Jason said. "I do miss the days of when I knew most everyone but that's what progress brings. It truly is good to be Chickasaw."

In addition to his job duties, Jason is active with the Chickasaw Stickball team and Chickasaw Dance Troupe. In his off-time, he enjoys exercising, being with his family and helping his children pursue their dreams.

To contact Jason or other staff regarding Supreme Court services, please call (580) 235-0281 or (800) 479-1455.



White tailed buck shot by Mr. Kimmy Swindell.

January 2008 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 25-009

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC

Mr. David Hatton

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. David Hatton to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Hatton will fill the first of three (3) seats of the limited liability company which was organized in the state of Delaware on October 22, 2007. Mr. Hatton will fill an unexpired three-year term of office beginning upon adoption of this resolution and ending on March 1, 2011.

Mr. Hatton's Vita is attached hereto.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-010

Gubernatorial Appointment

to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC

Mr. Robert Bennett

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Robert Bennett to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Bennett will fill the third of three (3) seats of the limited liability company which was organized in the state of Delaware on October 22, 2007. Mr. Bennett will fill an unexpired three-year term of office beginning upon adoption of this resolution and ending on March 1, 2011.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-011

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC

Brian Campbell

Explanation: This resolu-

tion approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Campbell will fill the second of three (3) seats of the limited liability company which was organized in the state of Delaware on October 22, 2007. Mr. Campbell will fill an unexpired three-year term of office beginning upon adoption of this resolution and ending on March 1, 2011.

Mr. Campbell's Vita is attached hereto.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-012

Request for amendment to Consolidated Tribal Budget FY 2008

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation places great importance upon its elders and believes in providing services to them commensurate with the wisdom and leadership that they provide

to the Nation throughout their lives. This resolution requests the Governor to make amendments to the Consolidated Tribal Budget in an amount necessary to establish a position of Elder Case Manager within the Chickasaw Nation Health System. This resolution also states the desire of the Legislature that the position of Elder Case Manager be a continuing position. Position description and

current budgetary amounts are attached.

Presented by: Legislative Committee

Steve Woods, Committee Chair

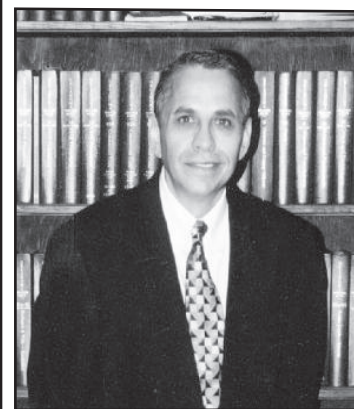
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

CNI annual meeting set

Chickasaw Nation Industries will conduct its Annual Stakeholders Meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Chickasaw Community Center, 700 N Mississippi in Ada. This meeting is open to all Chickasaw citizens.

Please feel free to contact Sherri Ellis at 405-253-8317 or Peggy Hill at 580-559-0303 with any questions.

Scott Colbert hosts open house monthly at Tishomingo Clinic



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert hosts an open office for legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

2007-2008 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u> Seat #	<u>Pickens District</u> Seat #	<u>Tishomingo District</u> Seat #
1. Holly Easterling 105 Thompson Drive Ada, OK 74820 (580) 399-4002 holly.easterling@chickasaw.net	1. David Woerz P.O. Box 669 Ardmore, OK 73402 (580) 504-0160	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960
2. Judy Parker P.O. Box 2628 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman HC 66, Box 122 Overbrook, OK 73448 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. Katie Case 14368 County Road 3597 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 421-9390	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottides@telepath.com	<u>Panola District</u> Seat #
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409 bethalexander22@hotmail.com

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2008 nominations due by March 1

Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame nominations accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Nominations must be received at the Chickasaw Nation headquarters by the end of business March 1, 2008.

Nominations of living or deceased individuals will be accepted for consideration.

Nominees must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft, or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation, and/or have made outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or society in general.

Inductees must be citizens of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become a citizen of

the Nation.

Elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are not eligible for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame while holding office.

Inductees must commit to being present for the banquet and induction ceremonies.

A nomination form is available on the Chickasaw Nation Website.

<http://www.chickasaw.net/docs/HallOfFameNoms07.pdf>

For more information contact Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham at (580) 436-7265 or by email at amanda.cobb@chickasaw.net.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



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Affordable Housing

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

Ardmore (age 55+) and Marietta

The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

Central heat & air, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and washer/dryer hookups are offered. The Marie Bailey apartments provide all the above including washer and dryer.

Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

Nomination Form CHICKASAW NATION HALL OF FAME For 2008 Nominees

Eligibility Requirements

The Chickasaw Nation accepts nominations of both living and deceased individuals who meet the eligibility requirements outlined below to be considered for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

To be eligible to receive this high honor, the nominee must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft, or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation, and/or have made outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or society in general. Inductees must be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become a citizen of the Nation.

Individuals selected for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame must commit to being present for the induction ceremony or they can not be inducted that year. Elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are ineligible for induction into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame while holding office.

Deadline for 2008 Nominations

Nominations must be received by March 1, 2008 for consideration in 2008.

Name of Person Being Nominated (Include Maiden Name, if Applicable)

Contact Information for Nominee

Mailing address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Name and contact Information of Person submitting Nomination

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Seconding Letters

Seconding Letters are not encouraged unless they provide additional relevant information. No more than two seconding letters should be submitted.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations must be sent to the following address:

Hall of Fame Selection Committee
the Chickasaw Nation
P. O. Box 1548
Ada, Oklahoma 74821

Information to be Submitted with Nomination

Please use the space below to provide a concise statement as to why this nominee should be inducted in the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

In addition, please attach additional information providing basic biographical information on the nominee and detailing relevant past and present activities, accomplishments, awards, and/or special honors that the nominee has received. Biographical sketches, resumes, vitas, newspaper or magazine articles also may be submitted to support the nomination.

Chickasaw aviator exits Rocketplane

Herrington to dedicate energy to speaking, alma mater



JOHN HERRINGTON

Chickasaw citizen and NASA astronaut John Herrington became the first Native American in space in 2002 during his mission aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor.

During his mission he served as the flight engineer aboard

the Space Shuttle Endeavour to the International Space Station. He logged more than 330 hours in space, of which nearly 20 hours were spent performing spacewalks.

On Dec. 21, 2007 the former astronaut and retired Navy Commander resigned as vice president and director of flight operations of Rocketplane Global, Inc., to pursue other opportunities.

"I was fortunate during my tenure at Rocketplane to work with an incredibly talented group of professionals," Herrington said. "My decision to leave was a difficult one."

Herrington is a highly sought after motivational speaker to both industry and educational institutions. He has decided to devote more time to those

areas.

He has a long history of inspiring to students with stories of his own experiences and continues to be active in promoting science and math careers to youth.

Currently, he is working on several projects in cooperation with the Chickasaw Nation to further those efforts.

Herrington has also served as a television commentator and future plans may include more work in that field.

He will also continue working as for the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs where he began leading the university's Center for Space Studies in 2006.

"We are honored to have a distinguished university alumnus and one of America's heroes join the university," Peg

Bacon, interim vice chancellor, Academic Affairs, said at the time. "With John Herrington's leadership, I believe we will build successful partnerships with the military, with industry, and with other universities, to educate the next generation of space professionals."

Herrington earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from UCCS in 1983 and a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate

School, Monterey, Calif. He has maintained close ties to the university, inviting former instructors to the launch of the Space Shuttle and returning to campus to address students.

He said he plans to continue work in the commercial space industry, because he believes "commercial space is the next great adventure in aerospace."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

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Capital projects dedicated \$91 million since 2004

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expen-

diture for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending December 31, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$24.1 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$4.7 million for the month and \$12.9 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$91.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for December totaled \$58 million and \$170 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$20 million for the month and \$52 year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects

and tribal program operations the net income was \$16 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At December 31, 2007, the tribal government funds had \$82

**Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2007**

Revenues

Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures

General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Transfer to Loan Program
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

**Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2007**

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$12.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$208 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of December 31, 2007,

tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$824 million with \$197 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$627 million compared to \$604 million at the end of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of \$23 million from September 30, 2007, the end of fiscal year 2007.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
\$	2,031,351	170,128,046	172,159,397
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	24,350,044	(24,350,044)	-
Total funds available	26,381,395	145,778,002	172,159,397
Expenditures			
General government	2,201,734		2,201,734
Legislature	386,127		386,127
Judiciary	217,560		217,560
Education	1,492,641		1,492,641
Heritage Preservation	827,617		827,617
Health	2,364,576		2,364,576
Youth and Family Services	2,084,910		2,084,910
Nutrition Programs	716,054		716,054
Regulatory	1,182,046		1,182,046
Assistance Programs	1,508,055		1,508,055
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		92,169,333	92,169,333
Other businesses' expense		37,111,684	37,111,684
Total expenditures	12,981,321	129,281,017	142,262,337
Increase in net assets	13,400,074	16,496,985	29,897,060
Beginning net assets	241,691,065	356,307,181	597,998,246
\$	255,091,139	372,804,166	627,895,305

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Statement of Net Assets			
\$	82,985,115	208,801,577	291,786,693
Receivables	1,213,155	22,845,973	24,059,128
Inventory		4,810,427	4,810,427
Prepaid expenses		6,985,572	6,985,572
Other Assets		21,778,916	21,778,916
Fixed assets	171,533,371	303,972,284	475,505,655
Less payables	(640,502)	(196,390,583)	(197,031,085)
\$	255,091,139	372,804,166	627,895,305



Serenity and Gracie Gothard

Gracie Mae and Serenity Leeann Gothard celebrated their seventh birthdays Nov. 30, 2007.

These twins are happy little girls. They are in the first grade at McKinney Elementary, McKinney, Texas. They have a three-year-old sister, Morgan.

Their proud mother is Roxanne Shaw Gothard.

Grandparents are Rocky and Georgia (Brown) Shaw, of Shawnee, Okla.

Great-grandparents are the late Ezekiel Brown and Caroline Krebb, of Tishomingo, Okla. Great-great-grandparents are the late Taylor and Clamy (Holden) Brown.

The girls are Chickasaw-Choctaw-Cherokee.

They are our pride and joy.



Trey and Davion Wilson

Trey and Davion Wilson celebrated their birthdays in January. Trey turned four Jan. 7, 2008. He celebrated with a "Harry Potter" party theme at McDonald's with family, friends and classmates.

Davion turned one Jan. 24, 2008 with a "1st" birthday theme and a family dinner.

Trey and Davion are the sons of DJ and Sarah (Harjochee) Wilson, of Ada, Okla.

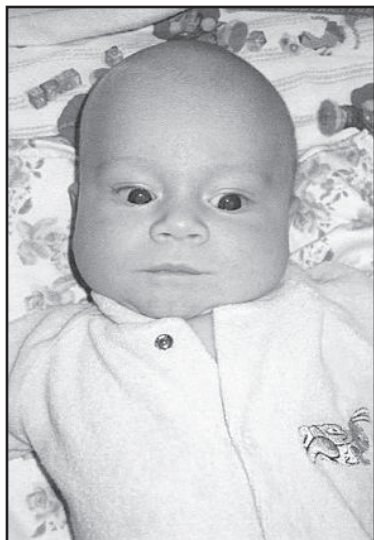
They are the grandsons of Tim and Neva Harjochee, of Ada, and Lisa and the late David Wilson, of Okmulgee, Okla.

They are the great-grandsons of the late William and Harriett Hamilton, and Jack and Marilyn Vaught, of Okmulgee.

Their Dad, DJ, is currently on active duty at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Happy Birthday to the angel gransonnys!

Births



Cord Standridge

Jeramey and NiCole Standridge are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, **Cord Haven Standridge**.

Cord was born at 9:43 a.m., Nov., 4, 2007, at the Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma in Durant. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 20.5 inches at birth.

His maternal grandparents are Jerry Don and Rhonda Coleman, of Tishomingo, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Dorothy Standridge, of Antlers, Okla., and Miles Scherer, of North Dakota.

Cord's maternal great-grandparents are Kenneth and Elsie Cole, of Connerville, Okla., and Jerry and Lucille Ayers Coleman, of Madill, Okla. Audrey Scherer, of Sulphur, Okla., the late Milo Scherer, and the late Margaret and Chester Standridge are his paternal great-grandparents.



Brooklyn Ruth Frazier

Brooklyn Ruth Frazier was born December 27, 2007 at Idabel, Okla. She weighed 6 lbs., 2 1/2 ozs., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Her proud parents are Micah and Andrea Frazier.

Brooklyn is the granddaughter of Willard and Sandra Frazier and Willie and Lorraine Stewart, all of Broken Bow, Okla., and Leroy and Sharon Stewart, of DeQueen, Ark.

She is the niece of Auntie Reannon and Uncle Keith, of Broken Bow.

Brooklyn's great grandparents are John and Julia McKinney and Annette Jack all of Broken Bow, and the late Joe and Ruth Frazier.

Chickasaw Nation Programs and Services Guide now available

To request a copy of the 2008 Chickasaw Nation *Programs and Services Guide*, please call (580) 310-6451 or visit www.chickasaw.net



Zachary Livermore

Zachary Thomas Livermore celebrated his second birthday Jan. 24, 2008 at Chuckie Cheese in Topeka, Kan., with his Mom, Alisha Scruggs, his Dad, Ty Livermore and many of their friends.

Happy Birthday, Zachary! You are a gorgeous little boy and we love you.

Grandma Arispe

Complete Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.



DesiRee Jeffrey

DesiRee Jeffrey celebrated her third birthday Dec. 24, 2007 at Chuckie Cheese in Lewisville, Texas. Attending were her mother, Christa Franks, her mother's fiancé, Nathaniel Walker, her grandmother, Melissa Arispe, and friends, Josie Skinner and her two daughters, Sha, Robin, and eight of her grandchildren.

The family extends a thank you to everyone for being a part of their special little girl's life.

Happy birthday, DesiRee!



Jacee Underwood

Princess **Jacee Grace Underwood** celebrated her birthday Jan. 18, 2008 with her family.

Jacee is the daughter of Gina and JD Underwood.

She is the granddaughter of Kathy Maxey and James, and Jack and Barbara Underwood.

Happy Birthday Jacee! We love you,

From all your aunties, uncles, cousins, Ninny and James, and from Mema and Papa.

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Hogue earns master's degree at ECU



Renee Hogue receives her master's degree from East Central (OK) University President Dr. Richard Rafes.

Chickasaw citizen Renee Hogue graduated from East Central University on December 15, 2007. Mrs. Hogue received her Master of Science degree in Human Resource Administration. She graduated with honors and achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.92.

She also holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from East Central University.

Mrs. Hogue and her husband, Harvey Hogue, have two children, Chaylum and Ceara Hogue.

Mrs. Hogue is employed as the Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Education Services Department on the East Central University Campus.

Chickasaw senior earns all-district, all-academic honors



Kyle Frizell

Kyle Frizell, a senior at Llano (TX) High School, was again named first team All-District defensive lineman in District 25AAA. Kyle also earned Academic All-District honors. The Llano High School Yellow Jacket football team advanced to the regional semifinals playoff game and ended the season with 9-4 record.

Kyle resides in Kingsland, Texas with his parents, Jeff and Toni Frizell. He is the grandson of Loretta Frizell, of Paoli, Okla., and Don and Claudine Tally, of Snow, Okla.

Moss sixth-grader top scorer in academic competition



Lauren Stafford

Lauren Stafford, a sixth grader at Moss School, Holdenville, Okla., recently received the award for High Scoring Individual at the Wetumka Academic Contest.

Lauren's team also won the honor of first place in the academic contest on December 12.

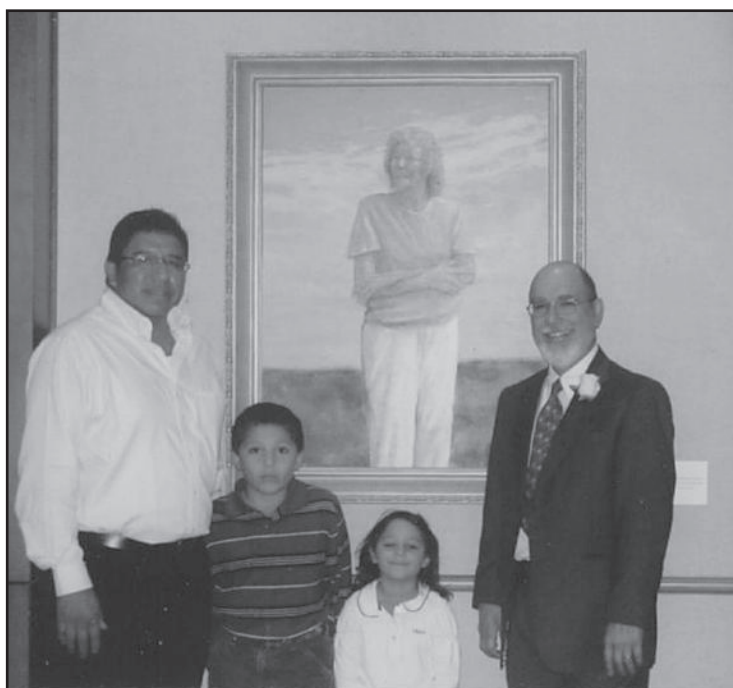
Lauren is the daughter of David and Jeri Beth Stafford. She is the granddaughter of Cletha and Rick Williams. Her great-grandfather is Frank Owens.

Language students



Chenae Lippard and Valorie Walters teach children music-related Chickasaw words at the monthly Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) meeting January 19. Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli is a Chickasaw Language Club for children up to age nine. The club meets monthly to learn Chickasaw language, history and culture. For more information, contact Valorie Walters at (580) 436-0553 or valorie.walters@chickasaw.net

Chickasaw elder portraits



From left, Dewayne Greenwood, Jackson Greenwood and Olivia Greenwood with renowned Chickasaw artist Mike Larson. The group is in front of a Larson portrait of Chickasaw elder Geraldine Greenwood. A reception featuring "They Know Who They Are" Chickasaw Elders I Exhibit, a collection of 24 paintings. The reception was hosted at Oklahoma History Center.

The Need For New Words

Computer - tali' lopi', tali' ithana'

Phone: Talaanompa', tali' anompoli'

Cell phone - tali' anompoli', tali' ishtali'

Internet - tali' lopi' lawa', tali' ithana' lawa'

Email - holisso palhki'

Memorandum - holisso pilachi'

Teleconferencing - holba' aaitafaama anompoli'

Video - holba' aapisa'

Television - holba' aapisa'

iPod - use English name, describe it: nunna aahaglo', nunna aapisa'

Camera - ishtholbachi'

Video game - holba' ishtchokoshkomo'

Video recorder - holba' aapisa'

DVD - use English name

CD - use English name

Ross, Lentz to exchange vows



Mark Lentz and Jeannie Ross

Jeannie Lynn Ross and Mark Allen Lentz, both of Oklahoma City, have announced they are engaged to be married. Ms. Ross is the daughter of Floyd and Judy Ross, of Moore,

Okla., granddaughter of Mary Mildred Ayers, of Oklahoma City, and great-granddaughter of the late Arthur Hopkins "Oxberry" James. She is a 1980 graduate of Douglass High School, and is currently employed with Jim Hoffhines, a State Farm agent in Northwest Oklahoma City.

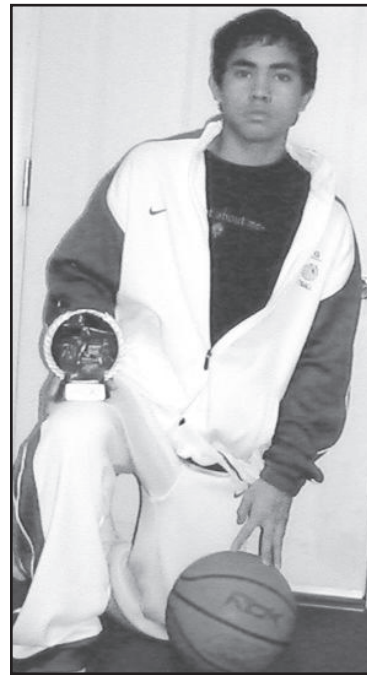
Ms. Ross is the mother of two school-aged children, Sarah Elizabeth Schlittenhardt and Ross Allen Schlittenhardt. The bride-to-be is a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Lentz is the son of John Lentz, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Carolyn Woolems, of Edmond, Okla. He is the grandson of the late Samuel Lentz, and the late Letha Lentz, of Terre Haute, Indiana, and Mitchell and Dora Bailey, of Indianapolis. He is the father of Amber Jane Lentz.

Mr. Lentz is a 1985 graduate of Douglass High School and is currently employed with Kudron Concrete and Construction Company, Piedmont, Okla.

The couple plan to wed later this year and will reside in South Oklahoma City.

Walker named to CD Warehouse all-tournament basketball team



Jared Walker

Jared Walker was recently selected to the Bethel (OK) CD Warehouse All-Tournament basketball team. Jared helped lead his team to a third-place finish. The tournament was played at Bethel High School in January.

Jared is a junior at Byng (OK) High School and is involved in many extra curricular activities.

Jared is the son of Thurman Walker and Gina Brown.

He is the grandson of Herman and Opal Walker and Pauline Brown.

Congratulations Jared! I am proud of you for being an outstanding student athlete and setting high standards on and off the court.

Dad

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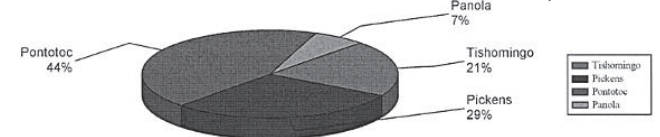
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Jane Ferris

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,605	Pontotoc	9,754
Pickens	6,519	Panola	1,488
		Total	22,366



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For more details and forms online visit www.chickasaw.net or contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at 580-272-6620.



Softball signee



Chickasaw student Katie Bailey of Roff (OK) High School recently signed a letter of intent to play softball at Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla. Katie is the daughter of Robert and Kala Bailey. Pictured with Katie are, seated, Murray State softball coach Mark Hamilton and Kala Bailey. Back row from left, Roff High School softball coach Kathy Gregson, Robert Bailey and Roff assistant softball coach Mike Stewart.

Chamber 'Volunteer of the Year'



Kathryn Hatcher

The 2007 American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO) awards event was December 6 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Tulsa. The event recognizes business excellence.

AICCO recognized Chickasaw business owner Kathryn Hatcher with the Oklahoma City Chapter Volunteer of the Year.

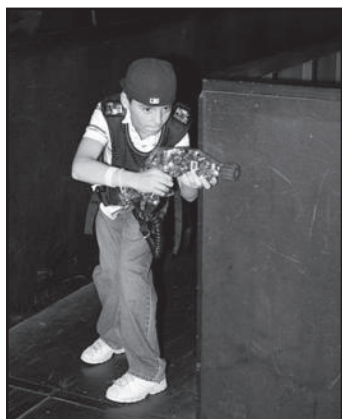
Ms. Hatcher said "This year has been a time of growth and reorganization, and it has gone much more smoothly with all the volunteers involved."

The purpose of the AICCO is to assist American Indian businesses to expand and grow their business. The Chamber actively supports and nurtures

well-planned, long-term business opportunities for members by providing organized access to public sector agencies and private industry.

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce provides an opportunity for Native American business owners to net work among themselves to enhance business opportunities, and to extend their venues to state and federal levels. The Chamber also acts as a collective voice for American Indian businesses on important issues.

Winter Lock-In



Hunter Needham plays lazer tag at the Winter Lock-In hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Jan. 4-5 at Lazer Zone.

Visiting Chickasaw history



Prarie Mitchell

Prarie Mitchell is standing in front of the portrait of her grandmother, Jeannie Lunsford, which is displayed at the Historical Museum in Oklahoma City. On a recent field trip Prarie and her fourth-grade class from Washington Grade Center in Ada visited the display of Chickasaw

Heritage that Praries's mother, Kelly Lunsford, created at the museum. Prarie's teacher is Jill Brown.

Mrs. Lunsford is portrayed in the center. Also featured in the Mike Larson portrait is Pat Woods, left, and Chickasaw Legislator Dean McManus.

Whitney earns master's in physical therapy



Holly Whitney

Chickasaw student Holly Marie Whitney recently received her master's degree in physical therapy from California State University, Sacramento.

Ms. Whitney is the daughter of Gloria Cote, of Washoe Valley, Nev., and Bartley Long, of Carson City, Nev.

She is the granddughter of Maudie Hilton Long, Carson City, and the great-granddaughter of the late Sara Alexander Hilton.

Ms. Whitney resides in Reno, Nev.

Bank2 honored as 'Company of the Year'



From left, Fran Smith, David Biggers and Jhane Myers.

The Chickasaw Nation-owned Bank2 of Oklahoma City has recently been honored for its business excellence.

Bank2 received the "Trib-

ally-Owned Company of the Year" award during December 6 ceremonies at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Tulsa. The award is bestowed by the American In-

dian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO).

Bank2 was recognized for its outstanding support of the state chapter of the chamber, as well as the volunteer efforts of Bank2 employees with the Oklahoma City chapter.

Jhane Myers, president of the AICCO Oklahoma City chapter, presented the award to Bank2. Representing Bank2 were senior vice president Fran Smith and vice president of mortgage loans David Biggers.

All Indian business owners are cordially invited to attend the AICCO Oklahoma City chapter monthly luncheons. The luncheons are hosted the second Wednesday of each month at Twin Hills in Oklahoma City. Luncheons begin at 11:30 a.m.



Chickasaw Nation employees honored with Service Awards



Employees with 25 years of service, pictured with Gov. Bill Anoatubby are, from left, Mae Hamilton, Wayne Scribner, Steve Dunigan, Thelma Navarro and Carol Snyder (picture inset).

On January 15, the Chickasaw Nation hosted its annual Employee Service Awards ceremony at the Ada Community Center. Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby presented the awards to individuals who have reached significant milestones in their years of service to the Chickasaw Nation.

Education Division administrator Lisa John emceed the event, and Youth and Family Services Division administrator Jay Keel offered the invocation.

Those receiving awards for 10 years of service were:

Ada Area Office:
Byrd, Linda
Administrative Support Services
Tharp, Chris
Administration
Lt. Gov. Keel, Jefferson
Administration – Carl Albert

Spence, Jamie
Aging
Castleberry, Andrea
Anesthesiology
Hampton, Mary
Ardmore Area Office
Parker, Ron
Billing
Bronniman, Marsha
Ross, James
Boys & Girls Club:
Wingo, Pam
Business Office
Jones, Tracy
Commerce
Cosar, Robin

Hawkins, Larry
Vaughn, Linda
Waters, Sherri
Communications
Frazier, Georgie
Community Gardens
Sealy, Edison
Cultural Resources
Nail, Virginia
Diabetic Care Center
Saunkeah, Bobby
Education Services
Milburn, Janet
Facilities Maintenance
Buck, Toney
Family Advocacy



Employees with 20 years of service, pictured with Gov. Bill Anoatubby are, Front row from left, Cherry Bennett, Loretta Anoatubby, Farron Culley, Pat Berna, Willarene Amos. Back row from left, Gov. Anoatubby, Janet Reubin, George Factor, Karla Windy Boy, Linda Underwood, and Lona Barrick.

Connor, Angela
Gaming Commission
Juarez-Hernandez, Reba
Head Start
Love, Carol
Rumbaugh, Norma
Housekeeping
Walker, Gary
Housing & Tribal Development:
Coplen, Basil
Crabtree, Richard
Oxenham, Phyllis
Information Technology:
Fulsom, Monica

Hicks, Ronnie
Justice:
Hartley-Kelso, Deanna
Laboratory
Chiles, Tracy
McClure, Mary
Lighthouse Police
Monetatchi, Dusk
Multi-Media
Deramus, Brad
Patient Services
Morris, Susan
Walck, Kathryn
Pediatrics
Walton, Thalia
Pharmacy

Anoatubby, Chris
Sellers, Tom
Thompson, Robert
Physical Therapy
Bradsher, Norman
Dameron, Robin
Purcell Clinic
Finley, Tina
Radiology
Chiles, Marvin
Self-Governance
Nelson, Diddy
Tishomingo Area Office
Imotichey, Michael
Training & Career Development
West, Joyce
Treasury
Trett, Jenny
Tribal Properties
Shields, Charles
Youth & Family
Gaines, Barbara
Wilkerson, Melissa

Those receiving awards for 15 years of service were:

Administrative Services Center
Puller, Rebecca
Administrative Support Services
Lindsey, Debra
Aging
Cook, Karen
Ardmore Clinic
Hubbard, Regina
Commerce
Clinton, Darren
Gantt, Barry
Cultural Resources
Postoak, Eddie
Education Services
Hook, Deborah
Foot Care
Osborn, Nelda
Head Start
Anderson, Regina
Health Information Management
Battice, Deborah
Healthy Lifestyles
Harrison, Lydia
Housing & Tribal Development
Jones, Gary
Sweet, Renee
Ward, William
Information Technology
McCurdy, Carol
Maintenance
Henry, Richard
Stick, Martin
Pharmacy
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Honored for 15 years of service were, front row from left, Eddie Postoak, Barry Gantt, Darren Clinton, Gary Jones, Perry Payne, Jason Burwell, Richard Henry, Richard Carney. Middle row from left, Gov. Anoatubby, Valerie Unerwood, Sonja Tiger, Rita Roberts, Renee Sweet and Regina Anderson. Back row from left, Lydia Harrison, Deborah Battice, Regina Hubbard, Deborah Hook, Nelda Osborn, Karen Cook, Debra Lindsey, and Rebecca Puller.



Carolyn Romberg, Thalia Walton honored for outstanding customer service

Natalie Harjo named 2007 'Employee of the Year'



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby presented, from left, Carolyn Romberg, Natalie Harjo and Thalia Walton with Outstanding Service Awards during the Employee Service Awards ceremony on January 15. Ms. Romberg and Ms. Walton received Outstanding Customer Service awards and Ms. Harjo was named Employee of the Year.

Natalie Harjo, Riverwind Casino housekeeping staff member, was named the 2007 "Employee of the Year" during the annual Chickasaw Nation Employee Service Awards ceremony. The event was conducted January 15 at the Ada Community Center.

Ms. Harjo, of Oklahoma City, has been employed by the tribe at the Goldsby, Okla., casino since December, 2006.

"It is such an honor to present this award each year," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Natalie Harjo exemplifies what hard work and

dedicated service means. She is an excellent recipient of this distinction."

Ms. Harjo was nominated by her manager, Jan Curry.

"Natalie always maintains a positive attitude," Curry said. "She comes to work, never late, with a smile on her face."

"Every supervisor Natalie has worked for, including myself, has glowing remarks for her teamwork," Curry said.

Three of Ms. Harjo's immediate supervisors, Leona Johnson,

Marty Humbarger and Mark Cournoyer, were in attendance when she received her award. They were all excited about Ms. Harjo's recognition.

"When they told us about this award," Cournoyer said, "there was no doubt in any of our minds who to nominate. We are proud to have Natalie as a representative of Riverwind Casino and the Chickasaw Nation."

"I have great bosses," Ms. Harjo said. "I'm honored that they think that highly of me."

Outstanding customer service awards were also presented during the ceremony. Award recipients were Thalia Walton, of the Chickasaw Nation Health System pediatrics unit, and Carolyn Romberg, who serves as assistant attorney general in the Chickasaw Nation Division of Justice.

The three recipients received recognition plaques for their outstanding service.

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Honored for 10 years of service were Linda Byrd, Chris Tharp, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Jamie Spence, Andrea Castleberry, Mary Hampton, Ron Parker, Marsha Bronniman, James Ross, Pam Wingo, Tracey Jones, Robin Cosar, Larry Hawkins, Linda Vaughn, Sherri Waters, Georgie Frazier, Edison Sealy, Virginia Nail, Bobby Saunkeah, Janet Milburn, Toney Buck, Angela Connor, Reba Juarez-Hernandez, Carol Love, Norma Rumbaugh, Gary Walker, Basil Coplen, Richard Crabtree, Phyllis Oxenham, Monica Fulsom, Ronnie Hicks, Deanna Hartley-Kelso, Tracy Chiles, Mary McClure, Dusk Montetatchi, Brad Deramus, Susan Morris, Kathryn Walck, Thalia Walton, Chris Anoatubby, Tom Sellers, Robert Thompson, Norman Bradsher, Robin Dameron, Tina Finley, Marvin Chiles, Diddy Nelson, Michael Imotichey, Joyce West, Jenny Trett, Charles Shields, Barbara Gaines, Melissa Wilkerson.

Winter Lock-In



From left, Bethany Easley-Wade, Amanda Carney, Autumn Bruner, and Mariah Baptiste enjoy a refreshing beverage at the Winter Lock-In hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Jan. 4-5 at Lazer Zone. More than 105 youth attended the overnight event, which offered fun activities including bowling, laser tag, and video games. "This is my second year and I met a lot of new people last year. It's fun to do all of the fun stuff here, especially the upstairs laser tag," Mariah Baptist, of Ardmore, said. Nacobi Walker, Ada, said the event was a good opportunity for the younger kids and the older kids to get together."

Roberts, Rita
Procurement
Payne, Perry
Supreme Court
Burwell, Jason
Transportation
Carney, Richard
Tribal Governmental Services
Tiger, Sonya
Underwood, Valerie

Those receiving awards for 20 years of service were:
Aging
Amos, Willarene
Ardmore Area Office
Underwood, Linda

Arts & Humanities
Barrick, Lona
Drake Farms
Windy Boy, Karla
Health Information Management
Berna, Pat
History, Research & Scholarship
Reubin, Janet
Housing & Tribal Development
Factor, George
Information Technology
Bennett, Cherry
Maintenance
Culley, Farron
Nutrition Services

Anoatubby, Loretta
Those receiving awards for 25 years of service were:
Aging
Hamilton, Mae
Ardmore Area Office
Snyder, Carol
Horticulture
Navarro, Thelma
Housing & Tribal Development
Dunnigan, Steve
Scribner, Wayne

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Pro, college coaches teach boys fine points of the game

Kids enjoy 'winter ball' during Chickasaw Nation Baseball Camp

ARDMORE, Okla. - More than 100 students ages seven to 18 learned baseball fundamentals and more at the fifth annual Chickasaw Nation Baseball Camp.

The camp was conducted Dec. 20 and 21 at Ardmore High School.

Sixteen coaches and players instructed campers on improving the fundamental skills of hitting, pitching and fielding.

Many of the coaches brought extensive experience at the college and professional levels of baseball.

Emphasis was placed on proper instruction to help improve campers' level of play and decrease the potential for injury.

Coaches and players also spoke to campers about success on and off the field. Campers were taught life skills such as goal setting, dedication and self-discipline.

Three former participants in the camp returned this year as

members of the staff.

Tyler Gillum, Heath Wall and Ryan Clark, who are currently playing college baseball, agreed that the camp had helped them hone their skills.

"It's a great opportunity to learn from guys who know a lot about the game," said Wall. "They come in here and teach you the fundamentals - the little things that make you a better player."

Clark said the opportunity to learn from major league players and college coaches can really make a difference to a young player.

"When you hear something from those guys, you know they know what they are talking about," he said. "I've learned a lot from them - even coming back now as a coach I've learned a lot from them."

They also agreed that the camp was a great opportunity to help others.



Ethan Jackson fields a ground-er during baseball camp.

Wall said that while there he still has a lot to learn about the game, he "loves showing people how to play the game."

"Watching the kids progress in these two days of camp is really amazing."

Governor Bill Anoatubby said he was very pleased to see these

young men returning to help other Chickasaw athletes gain the skills to be more successful.

"Their willingness to help other young athletes provides a great example that the concept of teamwork extends well beyond the baseball field," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Seven-year-old Ethan Jackson was named "Most Valuable Player" in the 12-and-under age group. It was the second consecutive year Ethan had received the award.

Ethan said he had really enjoyed the camp and had learned a lot about the game of baseball.

"Ethan has a true love of the game of baseball," said his mother Shawna Jackson. "He has been playing on a baseball team since he was four."

She said coaches tell her Ethan "listens, watches and figures out

what plays to make."

Ms. Jackson said her other son, Derrick, has been going to the camp since it first started and both boys had learned many important new skills.

"This camp is a great opportunity for my sons and all Native American youth," she said.

Leslie Wesberry was named "Most Valuable Player" in the 13-and-older age group.

Leslie said the coaches can help players at all levels.

"They know just about everything about the game," he said. "They can teach you things you can't learn anywhere else."

Baseball camp is provided at no charge to Chickasaw citizens. Similar camps cost up to \$750 per camper.

Each camper also received individual recognition and a new baseball bat at the awards ceremony.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

'School to Work' hitting all the right notes for Chickasaws with dreams



Gina Sanders

This summer when the lawn begins to turn green on the grounds of the new Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care Center and the irrigation system is needed, the work of Chickasaw students in the tribe's landscaping program will begin to show.

Ginger Sanders, a Chickasaw citizen and student, is an employee in the tribal landscaping department, and a participant in the School to Work program. Sanders, a Wynnewood, Okla., resident, took the lead on installing the irrigation system for the new building.

Working together, the landscaping team had the system completed in one month, during the team's afternoon work time. The team learned the installation technique from a supervisor.

Students who participate in the School to Work program work a 20-hour week and attend class at either the college or the vo-tech level. They are paid for a 40-hour week and are eligible for employee benefits.

Through federal and state financial aid, grants and tribal funds, the students' education is completely funded.

"When I first heard of the program, I thought 'there is no way someone is going to pay me to go to school,' but it was real," Sanders said.

Students in the School to Work program attend higher education classes half of the day and work on landscaping projects the other half.

In addition to carrying class loads of 18 hours last fall and 16 hours this spring, including a night class, Sanders is also the mother of five young children.

She serves in many roles relating to her children's varied extracurricular activities, such as the treasurer of her eight-year-old son's wrestling club.

She sees her primary and most important role as mom to her children, who are all under 11 years old. The kids, she said,

are the number one reason she enrolled in the program.

"I'm in school to be a good example to the kids," she said.

Landscaping department job duties range from mowing lawns, chopping wood and raking leaves, to operating heavy equipment. Many of the tasks performed are for the benefit of tribal elders.

"We are giving back to the ones who gave us so much," Sanders said.

Working in Oklahoma's extreme temperatures is also a job requirement.

"It's not easy," she said, "It's hard work."

Participants, Sanders said, are also learning a trade they can fall back on, if needed.

Like most non-traditional students, Sanders enrolled in college when she was fresh out of Mill Creek (OK) High School. After two semesters, she suffered from burnout and then "life got in the way" and she never returned to school.

Fast forward 15 years and Sanders enrolled in the School to Work program and attended her first day of class at East Central University in Ada.

"Once you've been out (of school) 15 years, it's scary," she said. "I didn't realize parking would be such an issue. Then I was late for class and once I went to the wrong class."

She also had to re-learn skills such as note-taking and studying.

To top it off, Sanders, who drops her children off at both Davis and Wynnewood schools before driving more than 40 miles to Ada to work, does not begin to study until her children go to bed at 9 p.m.

"That is my time to be mom, and ask them about their day," she said.

After her kids are tucked in, Sanders studies, sometimes until the wee hours of the morning.

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Care Center as an essential addition to the existing child care program.

The 4,283 square-foot center has an ocean-theme design with bright colors and ocean-related classroom names. The facility also includes an aquarium with live fish and a whale design

She is a much better student the second time around, she said, and attributes her success to her husband, Jonathan, who drives to work in Oklahoma City every day.

"He helps out a lot," she said.

As far as her top grades, Sanders, who maintains a 3.67 grade point average, said, "If you make the choice to go back to school as an adult, you do better."

Sanders' studies are concentrated on pre-law. Upon graduation, she hopes to secure a position in the tribe's judicial system.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

covering the tile floor.

For more information about the new Sick Child Care Center, contact Chickasaw Nation Child Care director Michelle Key at (580) 436-0877.

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Chickasaw pitcher, teammate commit to play for Hillsdale Baptist



Tishomingo softball player and Chickasaw citizen Caley Wesberry, seated center, signs her letter of intent to play collegiate softball at Hillsdale Freewill Baptist College. Pictured with Caley are Stacy Wesberry, left, and Lucretia Wesberry. Back row from left, Tishomingo head softball coach Keith Quaid, Leslie Wesberry, Lewis Wesberry, Chris Wesberry and Hillsdale head softball coach Kent Williams. Wesberry is the first Tishomingo softball player to commit to play the sport at the collegiate level.

With the stroke of a pen, a Chickasaw athlete became the first Tishomingo, Okla., softball player to commit to play at the collegiate level.

Caley Wesberry, a Tishomingo High School senior, inked her letter of intent in December to play softball at Hillsdale Freewill Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma.

Caley, a four-year starting pitcher for the Lady Indians, was joined by catcher Krishna Taylor, who also will play for the Hillsdale Saints.

The two young ladies will serve as key components of the 2009 Hillsdale squad, said head coach Kent Williams.

Williams said he had spent the last year recruiting to re-build the team, and was excited about the upcoming 2009 season.

"It will be our first team since 2002," he said.

The team will consist of a total of 22 players, including the coach's daughter.

Caley, 17, is the daughter of Chris and Stacy Wesberry of Tishomingo; the granddaughter of Lewis and Lucretia Wesberry, of Hendrix, Okla.; and Chuck and Betty Wasson, of Dickinson, Texas, and the late Joe and Peggy Riddle. She has one brother, Leslie.

She began playing softball when she was 10, and said she was looking forward to the op-

portunity to play at the collegiate level.

"I am ready, and I'm really excited," she said on signing day, adding it took her a few weeks to make the choice to play at Hillsdale.

"I'm glad I made this decision," she said.

Caley has racked up some impressive statistics during her time at Tishomingo. Her fast pitch has been clocked at 57 miles per hour. She has pitched 199 innings and logged 161 strikeouts.

She has maintained a 3.84 grade point average while in high school. Caley was also honored with many awards during her time on the softball team, including area first team, defensive player of the year, academic athlete of the year (two years), and Johnson O'Malley (JOM) All-Around Athlete.

Other honors include Oklahoma Honor Society (four years), *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, best all-around senior girl, Lake Country Conference honorable mention (basketball and softball, two years), Miss Indian candidate and homecoming queen candidate, senior year.

She also served on the Tishomingo High School student council for four years, was president of the Native American Club for three years, and

was a member of the Spanish Club for two years. She also was elected freshman class secretary, sophomore class secretary and junior class vice president.

She participated in basketball, cheerleading, and track, where she qualified for state in the high jump as a junior and qualified for state in relay events as a sophomore and a junior.

Tishomingo head softball coach Keith Quaid credited his

team's success to Caley and Krishna, the daughter of Teddy and Gale Kreger.

"This is a great way to compete their career," coach Quaid said. "They will be successful at the next level. They've worked too hard not to be."

The 2007 team holds the school record for wins and won the regional tournament three out of four years, placing second one year, a school first.

"This team left a good foundation to build on," coach Quaid said.

During the 2007 season, the team's accomplishments included district champions, Tishomingo Tourney Champs and a Silo Tourney Champs, and a record of 19 wins, 14 losses, and four shut-out games.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw girl honored for fire safety actions



Brittany Carter receives is made an honorary Fire Marshal by Judah Sheppard as her classmates applaud. Photo courtesy of the Duncan Banner.

When you are 13 years old, you are too young to do a lot of things. You can't drive, vote or hold a job. But for Brittany Carter, a Chickasaw student from Bray, Okla., 13 is not too young to save a life - or two.

On the afternoon of Nov. 30, 2007, Brittany and her two younger brothers returned home from school. Brittany was on the computer and her brothers were playing video games. The power flickered and then came back on. Shortly after, Brittany smelled smoke.

After following the smell to the laundry room, she discovered a large fire in the ceiling.

"I saw the fire and just stood there for a second," Brittany said, "and then my instincts just kicked in and it all happened so quick."

She then calmly herded her brothers and the family dog out the front door, called 911 and kept her brothers from re-entering the house.

Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Judah Sheppard made Brittany an honorary Oklahoma State Fire Marshal in a recent

ceremony at Bray-Doyle High School.

Sheppard told the Duncan Banner about an earlier incident he had witnessed.

"All of the adults left the burning building, but one decided to go back in to gather some cherished items," he said. "The lady never made it back out of the home. The flames didn't kill her. It was the smoke. It just takes one or two whiffs of the stuff and you could be down."

"But with Brittany, it was

different," he said. "When I conducted an interview with her, it became apparent that what she cherished the most were her two 10-year-old brothers, not the material things within her home."

With the entire student body watching and listening, Sheppard described the girl's efforts to save herself and her brothers.

"It feels really cool to be honored," Brittany said, "but when I did it, it didn't feel like that big of a deal. I had been doing fire drills at school my entire life, so I just did what they tell you to do."

Brittany and her family were also invited to attend the commissioners' state meeting in Oklahoma City for official congratulations. She will also be encouraged to share her story with the group.

"We try to train adults to do what Brittany did instinctively," Sheppard said, "She did not panic and used good judgment. She's an ordinary girl who did something extra-ordinary."

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Chickasaw Honor Club

Outstanding Achievement Award students named for Fall term



Savanna Humphrey



Dezmon Chetpatananont

Savanna Humphrey is a December 2007 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Savanna is in the fourth grade at Latta (OK) Elementary School. She was nominated by

Latta fourth grade teacher Marsha Reeves.

"Savanna strives to always do her very best with school work which has led her to being on the 'All A' Honor Roll," said Ms. Reeves.

Savanna is in 4-H and her favorite school subject is spelling.

Her favorite sports are softball and basketball.

"When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian because I love animals," she said.

Savanna is the daughter of Chris and Stacie Humphrey, of Latta, Okla.

Dezmon Chetpatananont is a December 2007 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Dezmon is a seventh grade student at Lone Grove (OK) Middle School. He was nominated by Lone Grove Middle School geography teacher Steven Pyle.

"Dezmon is an outstanding student and athlete," said Mr. Pyle. "Dezmon also takes pride in his success in the classroom."

Dezmon likes to play basketball, football and baseball.

He also likes to participate in track. His hobbies are hanging out with friends, going to the movies and spending time with family.

"My future plans are graduating high school and get-

ting a scholarship from a great school," he said.

Dezmon is the son of Tedra White, of Lone Grove, Okla.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Clothing grant application deadline set for March 1

The application deadline for the 2007-2008 academic year Youth Services clothing grant is Saturday, March 1, 2008.

This service, which provides one clothing grant per academic year, is available for Chickasaw children with citizenship, ages three through 18. Applications for the 2008-2009 academic

year will not be available until September.

For questions or to have an application mailed to you, call (580) 272-5585 or email clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net. Applications are also available online at www.chickasaw.net.

National Science Foundation seeks minority students in science, math, technology

A program funded by the National Science Foundation supports educational opportunities to strengthen the number of minority students who successfully complete degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM fields).

The Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program (OK-LSAMP STEM) is a consortium of Oklahoma colleges and universities. Through this program, colleges and universities work together to develop programs to increase the number of students from under-represented populations who receive degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM fields).

OK-LSAMP provides undergraduates with financial support, faculty mentoring and research opportunities. The program also includes support for research at local, regional and national conferences and meetings, networking contacts, tutoring and more.

OK-LSAMP scholars are also qualified to apply for re-

lated research programs and advanced degree options, including the Bridge to the Doctorate Programs. The Bridge to the Doctorate initiative provides support of \$30,000 per year for up to five years toward graduate education. This allows students to dedicate full attention to the pursuit of graduate degrees without the fear of creating additional financial indebtedness associated with initial graduate education.

Undergraduate students are required to maintain a 3.0 retention grade point average, be a full-time student enrolled in an approved STEM field, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and participate and contribute to program activities. The student must also demonstrate intent in pursuing investigative studies and a graduate degree in a STEM field.

To obtain an application and more information about the OK-LSAMP program, call (405) 744-7820, email okamp@okstate.edu or visit www.ok-lsamp.okstate.edu.

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Indian Youth Language Fair set

The sixth annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair will be on Monday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 1 at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Norman, Okla.

"Language Lives in Laughter" is the theme for this year's competition, which allows participants of all ages to demonstrate their language skills as groups or individuals in the spoken language and language with music or dance categories. This theme is intended to celebrate the Native American trickster themes in correspondence with

the American tradition of April Fool's Day.

Other competition categories include poster art and book-making categories, open to grades three through 12; film/video category open to sixth through 12th-graders; and a language advocacy essay category open to students in grades nine through 12.

New this year is a Language Masters Performance category, open to ninth through 12th-graders, which will showcase the language skills of students who have grown up speaking a Native American language.

"Native languages are vanishing at an alarming rate," said Language Fair director Mary Linn, who is also the curator of Native American Languages at the museum, "but the younger generations are working hard to learn their languages and continue their traditions."

This competition draws more than 600 participants from across Oklahoma and neighboring states, including dozens of Chickasaw students. Last year, Brooke Shackleford, a Chickasaw student from Purcell, Okla., won the grand prize in the poster competition. Her design, which included three turtles to represent the Chickasaw language at different periods in history, will adorn the t-shirts worn at this year's event.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 5.

Registration forms and additional information are available at www.snomnh.ou.edu. To have forms sent by mail, participants may contact the museum's Native American Languages department at (405) 325-7588.

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Shelters were in caves, made with animal skins or logs, tree branches or straw. Clothing was made from animal skins, and later from spinning flax then weaving it into fabric for garments.

Many of these skills are forgotten arts, and more are on the very edge of being forgotten. "Echoes of the Past" is an annual event, showing what these items were made from, how they were made and used by the people of the past. Some of the items offered for show and purchase were for entertainment as well as for providing the necessities of every day living.

"Echoes of the Past" is an annual event at Echo Ridge campground in beautiful Arrowhead State Park located on

U.S. 69 and State Highway 113 at Canadian, Okla. The event is hosted by the McAlester Archeological Society (M.A.S.) and the Tahlequah Archaeological Society (T.A.S.). Both are chapters of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society (O.A.S.) a part of the University of Oklahoma Campus in Norman.

The event's goal is to preserve the cultures, arts, diets, shelters, clothing and entertainment of our ancestors and the ways of producing them.

This year's event will be a two-day affair, to make it easier for those artists who have long distances to travel.

"Echoes of the Past" is scheduled for May 17 and 18, 2008.

There will be artists with items for show and for sale. On Saturday, there will be amateur competitions with prizes for the winners. The competitions will be the ATL throw, blow gun shoot, bow and arrow shoot, and there will be a contest for period dress, so if your items are Native American come dressed in that style. If it is from the American Civil War era, dress in that style, American Revolution, dress in the styles of that era, and so on. You don't have to come in period costume, but it will be interesting to see some of the older styles and types of dress.

Historical storytellers will be on hand Saturday night to tell stories for entertainment. Anyone interested in keeping their culture's stories alive are invited to share them.

There will be no charge for set up for your items. Items used from around 1860 and older are

sought.

If you know of anyone who would like to set up a booth of this type for the event please contact 918-339-4226 or Thomas Purdin at 918-456-1977 no later than May 1, 2008.

Anyone who does any Native American food, and has a chuck wagon to prepare and offer these foods for sale is also invited to set up for the event. T.A.S. and M.A.S. will sell hot dogs for 50 cents and drinks for 25 cents.

Any non-profit organization that participates may offer memberships to their organization at the event.

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than the

first two, which were both a big successes.

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Emalee Munn named Chickasaw Foundation 'Student of the Month'



Emalee Munn, Chickasaw Foundation December 2007 Student of the Month.

The Chickasaw Foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates

responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and demonstrates a positive academic work ethic.

Ms. Emalee Munn was selected as the December Student of the Month. Emalee is a senior at Rush Springs High School and has been a member of the Upward Bound program for the last three years. She was nominated by Mr. Steve Kile, academic advisor for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program.

Emalee is a poet whose work has been published in *Pine Tree Poetry* and *Creative Communications*. She has received 16 awards this current school year, and won the REC Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

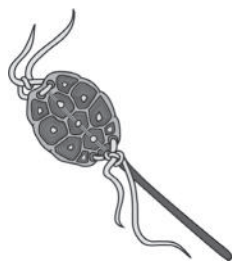
Emalee is a member of the gifted and talented program, academic team, Science Club, Grady County 4-H, Spanish Club, student council and the high school marching band. She plans to attend Murray State College and later transfer to Cameron University to minor in English Literature and Spanish.

Margaret Gooding-Silverwood receives Hill Group Scholarship



Ms. Margaret Gooding-Silverwood, recipient of a Chickasaw Foundation scholarship, The Hill Group Scholarship.

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce The Hill Group Scholarship recipient as Ms. Margaret Gooding-Silverwood for the second semester. Ms. Gooding-Silverwood is a freshman at Eugene Lang College majoring in media and cultural studies.



Chickasaw Foundation scholarship application available on the web

The Chickasaw Foundation's 2008-2009 scholarship application should be available shortly after the new year.

Please check the foundation website www.chickasawfoundation.org in February 2008. You may also call the foundation office at (580) 421-9030 for any information regarding our scholarships or to be placed on the scholarship mailing list.

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In 2007, contributions were made to the following charities and organizations on behalf of Chickasaw Nation employees: House of Hope Pregnancy Center, Chickasaw Historical Society, Ada Area Community Emergency Services, The Archaeology Conservancy, Xtreme Knowledge Is Power Youth Summit, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Chickasaw

Foundation Upward Bound & Educational Talent Search Leadership Scholarship fund, Chickasaw Foundation general scholarship and operating funds, Chickasaw Children's Village Scholarship and the Ataloa Memorial Scholarship.

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Upward Bound students celebrate with donations of toys and food

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound & Upward Bound Math/Science student meeting for December was a holiday dinner and dance at the Chickasaw Microtel conference room in Davis, Okla. Fifty-six students and two alumni students participated along with staff and some parents attended and shared a meal of ham and turkey with all the trimmings. Students

bind us.. will bind all men in one great brotherhood.

-Conrad Hilton

If you have any questions about this program or would like to contribute, please contact the foundation office at (580) 421-9030.



Rique Martinez of Ryan School, left, receives a citizenship award from Rici Love.

also donated toys and/or canned food items for their annual community service project.

Rique Martinez of Ryan School was presented with a citizenship award. Thank you to the Davis Microtel staff for their excellent service to Upward Bound students. For more information about the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs, call (580)371-9903.

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Chickasaw 'Old Town' in homelands saw gatherings, battles, survival

Chokkilissa' nominated for Historic Landmark status

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

The remaining core of Chokkilissa', the Chickasaws' political, cultural and economic capital during much of the 18th century, has been nominated by the tribe as a U.S. National Historic Landmark (NHL). This is an exclusive status on the National register of Historic Places. The nominated land, once part of a much larger settlement area also known as Chickasaw Old Town and Big Town, consists of some 300 acres located in north Tupelo, Mississippi.

Today, it consists mainly of farmland and heavily wooded parcels owned by multiple private individuals. The Chickasaw Nation is negotiating to acquire as many of these parcels as possible in order to preserve and protect what remains of this historically and culturally significant land. It is also considered sacred land by Chickasaws today because archaeological evidence indicates that unmarked Chickasaw burials remain there.

While many residents of Tupelo know that Chickasaws once lived there, very few of them have heard of Chokkilissa' (meaning "deserted dwellings") because no historical markers have ever designated its significance or location.

Recognition as a National Historic Landmark would be an important step in the Nation's other goal of using a small portion of the 300 acres to accommodate a multi-million dollar Chickasaw Cultural Center to be constructed on the site by the U.S. National Park Service (NPS). In a meeting with NPS staff in December 2006, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said, "the tribe wants to tell Chickasaws and everyone who visits this cultural center about the remarkable events that occurred on the site where they actually happened. This land has been sanctified by our ancestors' valor in successfully defending their homeland against great odds."

Oklahoma has 20 NHL sites. Among them are Fort Gibson, Fort Washita and the Cherokee National Capitol. Mississippi has 37 NHL sites, including many U.S. Civil War sites, the Grand Village of the Natchez

Indians and the Choctaws' Dancing Rabbit Creek treaty grounds. Although the Chickasaws' homeland before 1837 was centered in northeast Mississippi before the tribe was removed to Indian Territory, the Chickasaws have no NHL sites in Mississippi.

Mississippi archaeologist Brad Lieb developed the nomination. Beginning late last summer, Lieb worked intermittently on the nomination until his draft contained about 100 pages of supporting archaeological and documentary information covering all of the required categories. The Nation reviewed and approved the nomination, and it is now being routed through the prescribed NHL review process, which could take months.

If supported by the National Register Review Board of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, then the nomination will go to the National Historic Landmarks committee of the National Park Service. The committee will make a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, who will make the final decision on the Chokkilissa' nomination.

Lieb and Kirk Perry, who, among others, reviewed the nomination for the Nation, like the Nation's chances. By linking archaeological evidence and analysis, generated by professionals and amateurs, with hundreds of pages of colonial records and documents and maps associated with the tribe, it was discovered that the Chokkilissa' settlement consisted of several individually named villages and that a number of momentous events occurred there.

Among them was the 1736 Battle of Ogoula Tchetoka, in which Chickasaw warriors routed attacking French and Indian forces under Commandant Pierre D'Artaguet. Of the 70 men who died under D'Artaguet's command, 20 were captured and customarily burned to death, including the commandant himself. This victory and another one two months later over French forces three miles south at Ackia village dealt a crippling blow to French plans to exterminate the Chickasaws to facilitate control of the Mississippi River Valley.

Subsequently, the French,

using Indian allies or mercenaries, planned a prolonged war of attrition against the Chickasaws. It almost worked. During the period from the late 1730s to the early 1760s, the Chickasaw population dwindled to such a low point that defending Chokkilissa almost became impossible. Yet, under the leadership of the great war chiefs, Paya Mattaha and Mingo Houma, less than 1,500 Chickasaws, using British armaments and battling fiercely and valiantly, survived the incessant attacks and blockades inspired by the French until they withdrew from the continent in 1763.

Years later, the U.S. policy to get individual tribal members in debt to American traders had succeeded just as Thomas Jefferson and his successors had hoped. Given the decline of the deerskin trade, the tribe paid the debts of its members with its only negotiable asset, land.

Before 1800, the Chickasaws claimed about 37,000 square miles in what became northern Mississippi, northwest Alabama, western Tennessee and western Kentucky. In 1805 and 1818 Chickasaw land cession treaties with the U.S. were negotiated and executed at or near Chokkilissa, then called Old Town by the Americans. A similar treaty in 1816 was negotiated by General Andrew Jackson and others at Chickasaw chief George Colbert's house at a location believed to be near the Chokkilissa' settlement.

Brad Lieb was well-suited to produce this nomination. He has had a dozen years of experience working in Chickasaw archaeology and has acquired a broad knowledge of Chickasaw-related documents, records and maps. In the nomination's bibliography, Lieb provided some 170 citations.

Lieb's career began when he assisted with the excavation of a Chickasaw site when it was uncovered during the expansion of a Tupelo medical center in 1996. He was the pottery expert of a multidisciplinary team of Mississippi-based archaeologists studying Chickasaw material from excavations in the 1930s. (The human remains and funerary objects were later reburied

by Chickasaws on NPS land in Tupelo.)

In 2004, archaeologists John O'Hear and Lieb were hired by the Nation to assist in cataloging the immense artifact collections that the tribe had acquired from three Tupelo collectors. The work included interviewing the collectors for site-specific location information. Some of the sites identified still exist, and some have been destroyed by development since the collectors' finds. With the aid of the collectors, Lieb was able to determine the boundaries of the remaining core of the Chokkilissa' site on a topographical map.

That collaboration showed at least four distinct settlements in the Tupelo area. Some were abandoned, then later repopulated according to warfare and other circumstances of the time. The settlements ranged from the 17th century into the 19th century. Lieb believes that Chokkilissa' was settled in the 17th century after the Chickasaws moved several miles from the south, possibly around today's West Point, Mississippi, following Hernando de Soto's intrusion in 1540-41.

According to the estimate of an American missionary, 200 houses remained in Chokkilissa' in 1799. But in 1805, another visitor, Dr. Rush Nutt, wrote that the area contained only eight to ten families. What happened? One factor was that the fledgling government of the United States was encouraging tribal leaders to persuade members to abandon the villages and establish farmsteads.

In addition to the information from the previously mentioned collaboration, Lieb studied prior archaeological data. This included archaeological surface surveys and excavations associated with the development of the Natchez Trace Parkway (NTP) from 1937-1940, the NTP staff researching locations of Chickasaw towns from the 1960s-1980s, and the lengthy extensive surface survey conducted by John Stubbs, Jr. from 1981-82.

The core area of Chokkilissa', Lieb found, is marked by eleven previously recorded archaeological sites. These researchers knew these were Chickasaw

sites, but Lieb's problem in preparing the nomination was that the researchers didn't know or note that they were part of Chokkilissa.

"Normally, researchers doing a NHL nomination are able to cite supporting information from journals and books about the significance and location of the site they are nominating," Lieb said. "But since these researchers didn't have the archaeological evidence and the big picture of Chickasaw settlement that we do now, no one has been able to identify and commemorate Chokkilissa'-Old Town in the way we have now."

The Tupelo collectors knew that as of 1720, the Chickasaws had four main settlements of several villages because English trader James Adair described and named them in his 1775 book, *The History of the American Indians*. He was writing the book from "the present towns," but he didn't specify his location or the locations of any of the settlements specifically. By studying colonial documents and artifact evidence, the Tupelo collectors were able to conclude in their 1980 unpublished paper that they had discovered that Adair was writing from within what the British and Americans called Old Town or Big Town. The Chickasaws called it Chokkilissa'.

Today, despite farming, erosion and decades of artifact looting, Lieb said that the portion of Chokkilissa' that hasn't been destroyed by development probably still contains a large amount of cultural material. Archaeologists would need to conduct a survey to identify exactly where the remaining archaeological features are located within Chokkilissa'.

If the parcels of land can be obtained by the Nation for the proposed Chickasaw Cultural Center, this historic and sacred settlement would remain safe, said Gov. Anoatubby. Meanwhile, he believes the Nation's Chokkilissa' initiatives should halt further destruction of what is left of the settlement. Tupelo officials know that this private

See Chokkilissa', page

Jason O'Neal, continued from page 1

day on the job he has proven he has what it takes to be successful in this very demanding job."

When O'Neal was hired as chief of the Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police Department, he already had a vision of the type of department he wanted to oversee.

He wanted the new department to provide the highest quality professional law enforcement services to the public and support the tribal mission of enhancing the quality of life for the Chickasaw people.

While building the program, O'Neal took what he considered the best of the BIA policies and procedures and the best of top police department training to create LPD training standards.

Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Director Darrell Weaver gives credit to O'Neal for successfully meeting his goal during a recent interview about cooperative efforts between the two agencies.

"There is probably no police agency in the state of Oklahoma, bar none, that is better run than this group of Lighthouse policemen," said Weaver.

O'Neal also wanted to ensure the officers had enough time for continuing training and education. As a result, officers attend training sessions twice annually and must qualify to carry their firearms.

The hiring requirements to become a Lighthouse officer are some of the most stringent in the state.

Applicants are given a physical, written and drug test, along with a thorough background investigation.

"We conduct our own background checks," said O'Neal.

Potential LPD officers must also be capable and competent drivers with good driving records, and must possess a valid state driver's license.

"They must be high school graduates or have a GED and they must also have and maintain clean records, with no convictions for felonies or qualifying misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence which would prohibit receipt or possession of firearms or ammunition," O'Neal said. "They must also be able to obtain First Responders CPR/First Aid Certification and maintain a Bureau of Indian Affairs commission."

O'Neal said a person's character is a primary consideration in the selection process.

Once selected, the applicant is required to complete a 16-week basic police officer academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, N.M. Once the officers graduate from the academy, they are supervised by a senior officer for several weeks.

O'Neal believes officers should be provided the tools and equipment to enable them to do their job more efficiently. Therefore, the LPD officers have state-of-the-art equipment.

"We want to maximize our manpower and assets," O'Neal said.

The department initially assumed the role of the Bureau of Indian Affairs police department,

which, at the time, consisted of four officers who covered more than 7,648 square miles within the Chickasaw Nation.

Now, four years later, the department has grown to include 30 employees. Sixteen are uniformed officers, seven are dispatchers, three investigators, two captains, an administrative assistant and an assistant chief.

The department provides 24-

hour dispatch, and includes highly specialized teams including a Special Weapons and Tactical (SWAT) team, an investigations unit and a dive team.

Lighthouse Police headquarters are located at 1130 West Main in Ada.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Cooperative law enforcement proves a benefit to people of the Chickasaw Nation

2007 was a productive year for the Lighthouse Police Department.

In May, LPD officers were cross-deputized with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and several officers were commissioned as federal officers in July.

"Cooperative law enforcement has been our focus," Lighthouse Police Chief Jason O'Neal said.

The LPD officers are cross-commissioned with more than 30 city, county and state agencies, including Pontotoc County and area cities.

O'Neal demonstrated the need for cross-deputation by describing a hypothetical crime scenario at a gaming facility. With cross-

deputation, local officers can respond on the authority of the Lighthouse Police Department and oversee the situation until a LPD officer arrives on scene.

"It empowers the officers to act on behalf of the (other department)," O'Neal said. "They are a tool that protects the officer from what they are already doing."

Since the Chickasaw Nation stretches over more than 13 counties, the need for cross-deputation is needed, especially with tribal facilities stretching from Goldsby in the north, south to Thackerville, and west to Duncan.

"It benefits the community," O'Neal said. "Our interest is not just in tribal property."

Lighthouse now has a position on the Council of Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) Council, which is located in Ada.

"That was huge to me," said O'Neal.

It is important, O'Neal said, "Because 66 out of 77 counties in Oklahoma have Indian land."

A concerted effort has now begun, he said, to educate new officers on the intricacies of jurisdiction.

The department offers programs such as D.A.R.E. and Gang Resistance Education and Training to area schools, and works with communities to provide programs such as Neighborhood Watch.

Health care facility rolling along



Earthwork is performed on the hospital construction site.

Construction is continuing to progress on the new 370,000 square-foot tribal health care facility in Ada, Okla.

The building pads are near completion and subgrade work has begun on the parking areas. Preconstruction meetings with

the utility and concrete subcontractors have also begun.

The next big step is pier installation, which began in late January.

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.

Lighthouse chief compiles police experience in military, BIA

Jason O'Neal, chief of the tribal Lighthouse Police Department, has been with the department since August 2004. His law enforcement resume includes four years with the U.S. Marine Corps military police in California as a police officer, K-9 handler and police supervisor. He also worked six years with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs office of law enforcement services in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and Oklahoma as a federal police officer and police supervisor.

O'Neal graduated from Ada (OK) High School in 1994, and began his law enforcement career in 1995 as a Marine military police canine handler. During his four years in that position, he handled dogs that were trained to detect narcotics and explosive detectors.

One of his duties was to work

with the U.S. Secret Service to sweep for explosives in areas the U.S. president, first lady, vice president or other dignitary may be visiting.

He attributes his early success to his time in the Marine Corps.

"A lot of my structure and discipline started as an MP in the Marine Corps," he said.

During the past 13 years, O'Neal has received advanced training in a wide range of areas, from hostage situation to hate crime training to national wildlife investigation training.

He and his wife live in Ada and are parents of four children, two boys and two girls.

"I have such a beautiful and wonderful family, I am so blessed," he said.

In his position, O'Neal is realizing a childhood dream.

"Ever since I was a small child, I wanted to be in law enforcement," he said.

During his spare time, he enjoys playing "super heroes" with his children.

A member of the Citizen Potawatamie tribe, O'Neal is also interested in contributing to leadership of his tribe.

He is a member of the Oklahoma District Attorney's Council-Violence Against Women Grant Board, the National Native American Law Enforcement Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Oklahoma Sheriff's and Peace Officer's Association, and he is an Oklahoma gubernatorial appointee to the state's Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET).

Texas councils hear presentation by Chickasaw Nation Industries

On January 13, 2008, the Community Councils of Central Texas and South Texas held a joint meeting at the Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

With over 40 members and guests in attendance, the meeting opened with a welcome by Gene Thompson, Chairman of the Central Texas Council and

Michelle Moody, chairperson of the South Texas Council.

After viewing a Chickasaw ad that is being aired on television in Oklahoma, the group listened to a presentation by Aegeda Riggins, recruiter for the Chickasaw Nation Industries. Aegeda was accompanied by Sharon Nelson, Chickasaw Nation representative, and inspired us to our

Chickasaw family and friends who are looking for jobs to apply with the Chickasaw Nation Industries.

We were also entertained with Native American flute music played by Aaron Pyle who was accompanied on the guitar by Antonio Delarosa. Lastly, we enjoyed a delicious luncheon and socializing.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

### Ada Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
Marie Bailey Community Center  
1800 Jack John Circle  
Ada, OK  
Pat Cox, Chair  
580-272-0549

### Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site  
Connerville, OK  
Tony Poe, Chair  
580-421-4994  
[tony.poe@chickasaw.net](mailto:tony.poe@chickasaw.net)

### Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Chickasaw Community Building  
1109 Ray Branum Road  
Tishomingo, OK  
Ann Fink, Chair  
580-371-3351  
[flora.fink@chickasaw.net](mailto:flora.fink@chickasaw.net)

### Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center  
1400 Enos Road  
Kingston, OK  
Patricia Bostick, Chair  
580-564-2975

### Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm  
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center  
400 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> Hwy. 37  
Newcastle, OK

Tom Hogland, Chair  
405-381-2268

### OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor  
4005 N.W. Expressway  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Pam Conard, Chair  
405-973-8127  
[drprconard@cox.net](mailto:drprconard@cox.net)

### CALIFORNIA ~~~

### Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council

February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Education Classroom near Emergency  
San Geronio Memorial Hospital  
600 North Highland Springs Ave.  
Banning, CA  
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair  
909-213-7273  
[liknryn@hotmail.com](mailto:liknryn@hotmail.com)

### KANSAS ~~~

### Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:00 pm  
Wichita Indian United Methodist Church  
1111 N. Meridian

Wichita, KS  
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair  
316-945-9219  
[lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com)

Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair  
316-393-0696

### TEXAS ~~~

### Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

San Antonio, TX Area  
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210-492-2288  
[mmoody@docuguides.com](mailto:mmoody@docuguides.com)

### Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas

Austin, Texas Area  
Meetings held monthly  
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Gene Thompson, Chair  
512-258-7919  
[genevivianthompson@hotmail.com](mailto:genevivianthompson@hotmail.com)

### North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX  
Meetings held monthly  
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972-271-0692  
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Central and South Texas Council listening to presentation by Aegeda Riggins from Chickasaw Nation Industries.

## Diabetes Support Group

Co-sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and Valley View Regional Hospital.

Meets 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada, Okla.

Next meeting is February 19, 2008.

Guest Speaker: Barbara Quinlan will present on the topic of heart disease and diabetes.

For more information, contact Melissa Vavricka-Conaway at (800) 851-9136 ext. 82270.

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## OKC Metro Council enjoys language concert, ancestor comparisons

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council met on the second Tuesday at 6 p.m. for dinner on January 8 and had our monthly meeting at 7 p.m. There were plenty of home-made side dishes and desserts to go with our chicken dinner! We hope everybody had a great New Year Celebration. We are looking forward to our growing

council meetings this year!

The Shackelford family attended and we enjoyed a wonderful presentation of singing in Chickasaw by the four youngsters. They are a joy to watch and have won several awards in their efforts in writing and singing in our Chickasaw language. This is so important to continue our ancestry!

We have received several pictures by council members of ancestors and it is fun to figure out who is related to each other by the genealogy they have done.

Our group had fun sharing their "horror stories" of the ice storm that hit December 9. Many shared their experience with programs that were available to help those who were damaged by the storm. There were forms passed out that can be submitted requesting assistance from the Chickasaw Nation. We hope everyone has recuperated from this disaster - summer can't come fast enough!

Our next meeting will be February 5 and our speaker will be LaDonna Brown. LaDonna will be giving a slide presentation of the bus trip last October and many of us who could not attend are anxiously awaiting the show!

The Chickasaw Listening Conference will be in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, February 19 and Wednesday, February 20, 2008. We look forward to seeing many of our distant Tribal members there!

In March, we hope to have

Holly Easterling, Financial Chairperson of our Legislature, to share information about the Chickasaw Nation's finances and look forward to hearing about the great progress our Tribe is making. In April we are having Danny Thompson give a presentation about Fire and Safety, especially for seniors. He attended our January meeting and we look

forward to hearing his information and tips on how to keep us all safe!

Remember the OKCMCCC has moved to a new location on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities. Contact information: Pam Conard (405) 973-8127

## Wichita Council prepares for February Oklahoma City Listening Conference



**Linda Giles of Oklahoma City, Resource Manager from the Nation's Oklahoma City office, answers questions about the second Listening Conference scheduled for Feb.19-22 in Oklahoma City.**

Members of the Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita at their January meeting were told the background and purpose of the upcoming second Chickasaw Listening Conference.

Linda Giles, Resource Manager from the Nation's Oklahoma City office, explained the scope of the Listening Conference, related what took place at the first conference in 2006 and handed out applications for registering for the second conference, Feb. 19-22, in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Giles is past president of the Chickasaw Community Council of Oklahoma City.

Chuck Rivas, Wichita Council secretary, reviewed his pleasant experiences when he and his wife attended the 2006 Listening Conference, and urged members of the Wichita Council to attend.

The Mid-America All-Indian Center at 650 North Seneca, a Native American institution in

Wichita for several decades, will be the new regular meeting place for the Chickasaw Council, according to Lynn Stumblingbear, Council chair.

Members of the Council signed more than 60 Valentine's Day Cards to be mailed to the elderly at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wichita.

Mrs. Stumblingbear said that meeting notices will no longer be mailed but that Council members can receive notices by e-mail and that members' privacy will be protected by being sent messages as a blind carbon copy, which hides the addresses of all recipients. Members who wish to be added to or removed from the mailing list should message Mrs. Stumblingbear at [lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com)

The Council's next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17 at the Mid-America All-Indian Center.

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Book review: 'The Outlaw Statesman, The Life and times of Fred Tecumseh Waite'

## Chickasaw went from adventurer to statesman

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

It is distressing to realize how few biographies of Chickasaw people exist: less than five.\*

One reason is that the colonialists who came into contact with 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Chickasaws were single-minded in their pursuit of military, economic or religious goals.

In the voluminous amount of writing they left behind describing encounters with Chickasaws, they are almost uniformly devoid of personal details and even names. Piomingo appears in American and Spanish records dozens of times, but a dearth of personal information about the chief keeps the picture hazy. We think we know him, but we don't.

A second reason is that well into the 19<sup>th</sup> century, nearly all tribal members still communicated orally. Thirdly, the egalitarian nature of the tribe combined with the ancient custom of not speaking about deceased tribal members rendered the development of a biography impossible even if someone had had a notion to attempt it.

Twentieth century historians had a much better opportunity mainly because of the proliferation of newspapers. For the first time, an abundance of news stories included the names of numerous Chickasaws doing what, where, when and how. So for would-be biographers interested in 20<sup>th</sup> century subjects it has been a matter of finding what they hope will be a compelling subject and getting to work.

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In 1996, I learned about a college-educated Chickasaw man who had ridden with Billy the Kid in the famed Lincoln County Wars in New Mexico Territory. Fred Tecumseh Waite not only survived the mayhem and shoot-outs, but 20 years later he became a tribal senator, then the tribe's attorney general, taking on the Dawes Commission as it began its congressionally mandated job of presiding over the liquidation of the Chickasaw Nation.

I was immediately hooked. To understand this paradox of presumed violent lawbreaker

to lawmaker, I began reviewing obvious source material--biographies of Billy the Kid and frontier and Indian Territory newspapers. In due course, I found enough material to write a profile of Fred Waite in a 1997 issue of the periodical I edited, *The Journal of Chickasaw History*. Very few Chickasaws outside of Pauls Valley had heard of Waite, but I hoped to amass enough source material to write a biography of this 19<sup>th</sup> century original.

I never got around to it. Fortunately, Mike Tower did. Ten years after I used his research as one of my information sources, the Elmore City resident has published a book titled, *The Outlaw Statesman, The Life and Times of Fred Tecumseh Waite* (AuthorHouse, 2007). In the forward, Tower writes that he produced the book to debunk the myth that his subject was "a half breed gun-fighting drifter" and "a minor character that faded into obscurity after the violence ended [in New Mexico's Lincoln County]." To the contrary, Tower believes that Waite was a "wealthy adventurer drawn into the New Mexico conflict by circumstance." And in later years, he says, Fred Waite became a "dynamic and respected statesman" of the Chickasaw Nation.

One of Tower's main jobs is to describe these two Fred's and reconcile them, if possible. He does a creditable job, supplying a bibliography, notes and an index. But the author faced significant limitations that are apparent in an examination of his source material. His major impediment was that Waite--despite some evidence that he was a fluid, expressive writer--left no diary, almost no correspondence and apparently didn't share recollections of his adventures with friends and relatives. Or if he did, they didn't, or they provided confused and contradictory accounts, as Tower writes, "to hide a sordid, interfamily feud."

Given these significant problems, readers don't learn very much about Fred as a person and his relationships with others, including his parents, Billy the Kid and the politically influential Paul and McClure families. So as with many other important

Chickasaw people during the land-allotment era, we don't have enough personal information to get our arms around their lives. Tower's book isn't so much a biography as it is a pasting together of events from the turbulent post-Civil War era with Fred Waite as a recurring character. That's what separates it from being an historical narrative of the period from the 1870s to 1895.

But even with such constraints, the book does yield significant new biographical information on Waite. And it provides some valuable information and insights about other important players and events after 1890 when it became apparent to most observers that the U.S. intended to abolish the Chickasaw Nation and many other Indian domains.

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In a relatively brief review, there is only space to elaborate on two phases of Fred Waite's life, gun-fighting and public service. And yet, many readers would be disappointed if Waite's basic family history was not provided. He was born at Fort Arbuckle in 1853 to the Reverend Thomas Waite and Catherine McClure, the Chickasaw connection. Catherine's mother was Ella-Teecha Brown, who became the wife of a Rev. McClure.

Very little is known about Ella-Teecha except that after removal, her husband died and she married the McClure's hired man, Smith Paul, who had traveled with the family to Indian Territory and for whom Pauls Valley is named. (It's a quibble but still disconcerting that Mike Tower, who lives less than 20 miles from Pauls Valley, spells it Paul's Valley in the book.) It could have just as easily become Waite's Valley, as in 1858 Smith Paul and Thomas Waite and their families, relatives by marriage and business partners, relocated to the area then known as Rush Creek Valley.

Fred's graduation from a St. Louis, MO, college and his father's death both occurred in 1874. Tower writes that the 21-year-old returned home to handle the family's affairs until 1876 when he left, intending to explore the mountains of Colorado. Traveling a westerly

route, he got sidetracked in New Mexico. Why and how are lost to history, including why a man ostensibly headed to Colorado was traveling in Lincoln County, in the southern part of the territory.

In any event, Fred became associated with an Englishman named John Tunstall, who was making investments in land and cattle thereabouts and soon ran afoul of the established cattle barons, an unholy trio of Irishmen known as Murphy, Dolan and Riley. To compete, Tunstall would need a lot of cowpunchers and, as he was soon to learn, gunmen. Most writers believe Fred was simply one of them. But Tower believes that Waite might have been a fellow investor or partner who also found common cause with Tunstall in resisting the Irishmen's violent tactics.

One who was undoubtedly hired by Tunstall was an 18-year-old with various aliases including "Billy the Kid." Waite's relationship to William H. Bonney, AKA, the Kid, will probably never be known. Tower complicates this unnecessarily with a poorly organized section that never introduces the Kid and never even takes a stab at handling his relationship with Fred.

In biographies and other source material, Tower finds that Waite is mistaken for a bit player, or worse, a "half breed thug." But with educational, intellectual and economic assets, why wasn't Waite given his due by these sources? One answer could be that you are known by the company you keep.

But Tower has another answer: racism. They believed that "people of Indian descent lacked the resources to compete economically with whites. They simply did not anticipate Waite as one having the material means to invest in Tunstall's schemes, so they didn't explore the possibility."

By 1878, the competition for the lion's share of the cattle market and the murder of Tunstall ignited the Lincoln County Wars, marked by sporadic deadly gun battles. Waite was part of the group seeking revenge for Tunstall's murder. He was named by some sources

as a participant in killings, but Tower concludes that whether he actually killed anyone is pure conjecture. But if multiple men are firing away at a man who dies of bullet wounds, in the absence of forensic testing, every gunman was complicit. And since the Irishmen had paid for law enforcement in Lincoln County, Fred was charged with murder. Recognizing that discretion is the better part of valor, Waite turned east.

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Back home in Pauls Valley by 1879, Waite resumed running the family ranches, got married and had a daughter by 1883. Through his association with his uncle, Sam Paul, he landed a job with the Indian police. The flavor and danger of the position was clearly stated by his superior, D.M. Wisdom, who directed the police to "arrest all outlaws in your section and if they resist, you will shoot them on the spot." He added the admonition to make "yourselves a terror to evil doers. If afraid, turn in your resignation and I'll appoint better men in your place...."

Paul introduced Waite to Chickasaw Governor William Guy, who made the 36-year-old a part of the Progressive Party machine. He was elected Speaker of the Chickasaw House and later to the Senate. In 1893, the year the Dawes Commission arrived in the Chickasaw Nation to negotiate its liquidation, Waite was appointed attorney general by Gov. Jonas Wolf.

The middle section of the book contains 19 illustrations, including maps and photos of Waite during his outlaw and lawmaker days, Sam Paul, Gov. Guy and the 1893 Chickasaw Legislature.

By that year, Tower says that Waite knew that the implementation of Congress's allotment policy was inevitable. But as attorney general he resisted making agreements with the Dawes Commission, hoping that delaying would give Chickasaws more time to prepare to manage their land allotments.

This goal was misunderstood

*See Outlaw Statesman,  
page 29*

# Kullihoma turkey hunt application deadline set for March 14

Dates for the spring Turkey Season will coincide with the State of Oklahoma dates, April 6, 2008 to May 6, 2008. Legal means of taking turkeys is with a bow and arrow or by shotgun.

Dates for the Special Youth Hunt are March 29 and 30. Participants must be Chickasaw citizens. Youth must be under 18 years of age and must be accompanied by an adult, 18 or older. Adults may not hunt or possess any firearms or archery equipment. Must have hunter safety course certification. You can apply for apprentice designation if not hunter safety certified.

Permit request must be in Ranger Office by March 14. The Ranger Office is located at Division of Faculties and Support Office at 9<sup>th</sup> and Rennie, Ada, Okla.

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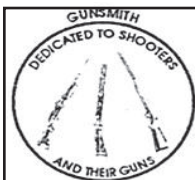
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Permit requests should be in the Ranger Office by March 14.

The Chickasaw Rangers will hold a sight and pattern the shotgun day at Kullihoma on Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Furthermore, the landowners have been or will be notified by the Nation of the historic importance of their land. That is why the land has been nominated as a National Historic Landmark. And that is why the Nation is insisting that the new cultural center should be constructed on this site, the most meaningful to

tribal members.

None of the information generated for the nomination will be shared with anyone not involved in the NHL process. And all of the documents, maps and other supporting evidence collected by Lieb soon will be turned over to the Nation. He said once this material is boxed up, it will probably weigh thirty pounds.

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## Directory available for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who

would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to [vicky.gold@chickasaw.net](mailto:vicky.gold@chickasaw.net) or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

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Indian students participate in poster, video, essay, spoken word

## Sixth Annual Language Fair lets students showcase skills

NORMAN, Okla. — Students of Native American languages from preschool through high school are encouraged to enter the sixth annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, scheduled for Monday, March 31 and Tuesday, April 1 at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History at the University of Oklahoma.

Participants of all ages may demonstrate their language skills as groups or individuals in the spoken language and language with music or dance categories.

Other competition categories include poster art and bookmaking categories; open to grades three through 12; film/video category open to sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> graders; and a language advocacy essay category open to students in grades nine through 12. New this year is a Language Master Performance category, open to ninth through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, this category will showcase the language skills of students

who have grown up speaking a Native American language.

The competition draws more than 600 participants from across Oklahoma and neighboring states. Students who compete in as many as 27 Native American languages. Pre-K through fifth grad competitions will take place on March 31, and sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade competitions on April 1. The top three award winners in each age group and category will receive a medalion and Language Fair T-shirt.

A panel of elders and teachers from several different tribes will judge the language performance and spoken language competitions. Native artists will judge the posters based on creativity and use of this year's theme, "Language Lives in Laughter," a celebration of Native American trickster themes used in storytelling and the American tradition of April Fool's Day. In addition, Native authors will judge the book competition.

"Native languages are vanish-

ing at an alarming rate," said Language Fair director Mary Lynn, curator of Native American Languages at the museum. But the younger generations are working hard to learn their languages and continue their traditions. Learning a language can make us feel vulnerable at times. This is the trickster at work — playing with us but leading us to new knowledge."

Registration forms and additional information are available online at the museum's web site: [www.snomnh.ou.edu](http://www.snomnh.ou.edu). Deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 5. To have forms sent by mail, or for additional information, participants may contact the museum's Native American Languages department at (405) 325-7588 or by e-mailing at [ONAYLF@snomnh.ou.edu](mailto:ONAYLF@snomnh.ou.edu). The 2008 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair is made possible, in part, by the Boeing Company.

The Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History

is located on the OU Norman campus. Additional information about the museum is available

by calling (405) 325-4712 or on the web at [www.snomnh.ou.edu/](http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/)

## Tribes to present on tobacco use prevention

Please mark your calendars for the "Preparing for the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation: Preventing and Treating Commercial Tobacco Dependence National Conference" April 23-25, 2008 in Oklahoma City at the Skirvin Hotel.

The Muscogee Creek Nation, Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw Nation Network, Oklahoma Native American Tobacco Education Network, Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion, National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network, University of Oklahoma College of Public Health Tobacco Research Center, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust and many others are co-sponsoring this great event.

Several national speakers will be featured.

Tribes from across Oklahoma will present information on their efforts to implement com-

prehensive tobacco prevention programs.

For more information please contact any one of the following: Ursula Hill, NATEN 405-951-6005 Ext. 108 or Diana Cournoyer, Southern Plains Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center 405-951-6005 Ext. 107, Cynthia Tainpeah or Christi Shultz, Muscogee Creek Nation at 918-756-6231

## Outlaw Statesman, continued from page 26

by the opposing National Party leaders, who made Waite a political target. While they failed to bring him down, rheumatoid arthritis and alcoholism succeeded, according to Tower. These illnesses crop up at the end of the book and are not well documented, but we may infer that the joint pain was causing him to self-medicate. But this heretofore well-built, vigorous 41-year-old man was suddenly in 1894 suffering and withering, and a year later, he was dead.

Tower notes that his eulogies and obituaries were positive, and perhaps to remain that way, omitted his New Mexico adven-

tures. His own wrap-up speaks of Waite's final contributions, leading after his death to the final settlement with the United States. But I wondered back in 1997 and still wonder after reading Tower's book what might have been had Fred Waite lived another two or three decades.

As a leader of the Progressive Party, he was on a political collision course with Douglas Johnston that might have culminated in the gubernatorial election of 1898. Johnston was elected and served at the U.S. President's discretion from 1906 to 1939. Furthermore, as a gifted writer, Waite eventually might

have written his memoirs, and if he were inclined to open up, he surely had the material for a best seller.

**The book may be ordered from Mike Tower by sending a check for \$14.49 to him at Route 2, Box 35A, Elmore City, OK 73433, or by ordering copies via the website of the publisher, AuthorHouse.**

\*Te Ata, Pearl Scott, Montford Johnson—the Chickasaw Rancher, and Fred Waite. Five if you count inter-married citizen William H. Murray.

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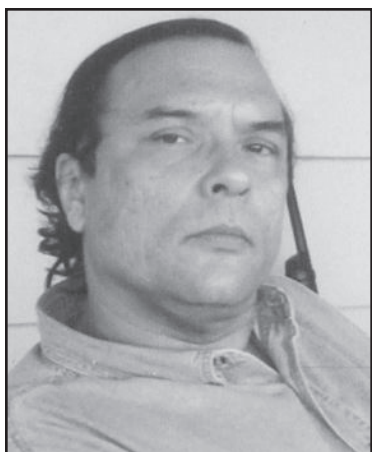
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## Michael Phillip Beane



Michael Phillip Beane died Oct. 16, 2007 of natural causes at his home in Greenleaf, Idaho. He was born May 30, 1948 in Tacoma, Wash., to John Henry Beane, USMC WWII and Harriett Parker Beane, USN WWII. He was the grandson of original enrollee Lelia Smith, daughter of John Smith and Ticey Ned Smith.

Mr. Beane was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and was proud of his Native American heritage.

He was raised in California and attended Nativity Catholic School, and graduated from La Puente High School and completed a technical program at Boise Community College.

He was interested in all things mechanical, especially the great ships, and in May 2007 he was pleased to visit the "Queen Mary" in Long Beach, California.

Mr. Beane was a kind and generous man, very dear to his family.

He loved music, camping and hot springs. He was an avid rider of motorcycles and 10-speed bicycles until his health prevented from riding. He had a good sense of humor and could always be counted on for holidays and milestone family events.

He is survived by his mother, Harriett; sisters, Susan, Helen and Ron Were, Denise and Ken Schaumann; Bruce and Roxane Whitney; nieces and nephews, Christine, Steve, Stephanie, Cara, Ian, Stephan, Ashlynne, Rebekah, Mike, Taylor, Sidney, Tyler, Jeff, Mark, Kim, Denise, Courtney, Samantha, Jamie in Iraq, Glenn, Ginger, Hunter, Peyton, Bryant, Robin, Katelyn, Adrian, and Rynne.

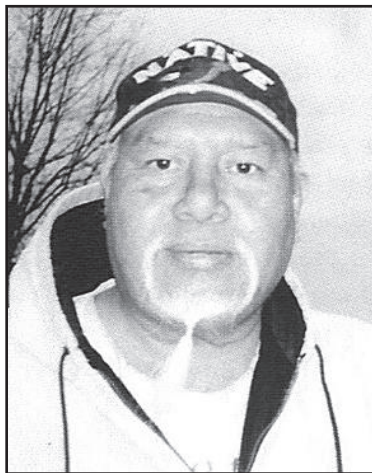
You will always be our Uncle Mike.

We miss him very much.

"Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

John 14: 1-2

## Leslie L. Gipson



Services for Leslie L. Gipson, 52, Ada, Okla., were Dec. 15, 2007 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home with Tony Poe officiating. Burial followed in Seeley Blue Cemetery near Connerville, Okla.

Mr. Gipson died Dec. 12, 2007, at an Oklahoma City hospital. He was born Dec. 13, 1954, in Ada to Andrew Gipson and Minnie Carter Gipson.

He married Mary Shields Dec. 13, 1980, at Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church in Ada.

He graduated from Stonewall (OK) High School in 1973 and attended Haskell Indian Junior College. He was employed by the Chickasaw Nation. He was a member of Yellow Springs Methodist Church near Jesse, Okla. He was a lifelong resident of Ada and member of Pontotoc Little Bucks softball team.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Gipson, of the home; a son, Alan Gipson, Ada; his mother, Minnie Gipson, Ada; three brothers, James Gipson, Espanola, N.M., Billy Gipson, Sasakwa, Okla., and Shawn Gipson, Ada; two sisters, Barbara Martinez, Richardson, Texas, and Vonda Tyson, Pontotoc, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Gipson; and his grandparents Watson and Frances Carter.

Bearers were Darrell Gipson, Skip Wisdom, Kevin Wisdom, Roy Key, Stacy Imotichey and Jimmy Cuddy.

Honorary bearers are Loy Dale Davis, Buzz Brown, Rance Imotichey, Terry Nichols, Jeff Davis and Kent Shiels.

## Tommy LaDon (Carter) Jenkins



Tommy LaDon (Carter) Jenkins, 48, of Comanche, Okla., died January 8, 2008 in Comanche.

Services were Friday, January 11, 2008 at Eastside Baptist Church with Rev. Toby Walker officiating. Burial followed in Marlow Cemetery under the direction of Callaway-Smith-Cobb Funeral Home in Marlow, Okla.

Mrs. Jenkins was born June 18, 1959 in Woodward, Okla., to George Thomas Carter Jr. and Ora Arvita (McCormick) Carter. She attended school in Woodward and graduated from Marlow High School in 1977. She lived in Woodward and California before moving to Marlow, where she lived most of her life. She moved to Comanche five years ago.

She worked as a clerk for Price-Cost/Co for 13 years. She formerly worked for Warehouse Foods in the meat market and also for Mainstreet Deli in Duncan, Okla.

Mrs. Jenkins enjoyed crocheting, knitting, crafts, collecting stuffed animals and the character Betty Boop. She loved her family and friends and her pet "Klowie." She enjoyed caring for people and doing nails.

Survivors include her fiancé, William "Bruce" Ritter, of the home; a son, Michael Ray Rollins Jr., of Marlow; her father, Tom Carter and wife Berdine, of Bray, Okla.; four brothers, Evan Carter and wife Jeannie, Tommy Carter and wife Michelle, and Grant Grigsby, all of Bray, and Eddie Grigsby, of Lubbock, Texas; a sister Ginger Cole,

of Bray, and her grandmother, Gladys Rutledge, of Marlow.

She was preceded in death by her mother; brother, Mark Grigsby; grandparents, Wesley and Imogene McCormick, George and Verna Carter; former mother and father, Martha and Gene Jenkins.

Online condolences may be made to [www.callawaysmith-cobb.com](http://www.callawaysmith-cobb.com)

## Nora Faye Blevins-Tullous



Nora Faye Blevins-Tullous, 66, of Duncan, Okla. died Nov. 30, 2007 of sudden illness.

Mrs. Blevins-Tullous was born October 5, 1941 in Allen, Okla., to Wirtie Clyde and Elsie Tripp-Blevins.

She married William R. Tullous on May 29, 1966 in Midwest City, Okla. Her husband preceded her in death on May 25, 1995.

Mrs. Blevins-Tullous was employed at Goodners Supermarket for 31 years. She was a member of the City Heights Baptist Church and was truly adored by all who knew her as a real angel among us. She saw the good in whomever she encountered. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherri Faulk and Diana Fitzgerald and husband Rod; a son, William R. Tullous Jr. and wife Mandy, all of Duncan; five sisters, Josephine Merrimem, Lakeside, Calif., Camilla Phillips, Ada, Okla., Margaret McKenzie, Pauls Valley, Okla., Myrtle Brunt, Zeeland, Mich., and Betty Pfaff, Clearwater Fla.; a brother, Kenneth Blevins, Waurika, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, Jennifer Frye and husband Kristoffer, Krystal Woody, Jim-

my Hurst, Ryan Tullous, Britany James, Kody James, Emily Faulk, Brianna Tullous, Allison Tullous and Bryson Tullous; and three great grandchildren, Gabriel and Russell Frye and Keliegh Hurst.

Mrs. Blevins-Tullous was preceded in death by her parents Wirtie Clyde and Elsie Blevins; sisters Francis Ringer, Mary Nell Wooley; and a brother, Clyde Blevins.

Burial was in Fairlawn Cemetery in Comanche, Okla., officiated by Jimmy Green, Pastor City Heights Baptist Church.

## Dawn Wanda West



Memorial services for Dawn Wanda West, 54, of Scurry, Texas, were Dec. 7, 2007 at First United Methodist Church, Kaufman, Texas. Rev. David Carr and Rev. Denny Mackey officiated.

Mrs. West died Dec. 3, 2007. She was born June 15, 1953 at Dallas, Texas to E.R. and Wanda Smith.

Mrs. West was a great-granddaughter of Palmer S. Mosley. She was an active member of the North Texas Chickasaw Council and was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

Mrs. West is survived by her husband of 35 years, Mike West; a son, Heath, and his wife Lori; two sisters, Linda Hewitt and husband Billy, and Paula Petty and husband Dub; three grandchildren, Erin, Callie and Caden; four nephews; and many other family members and friends.

Donations may be made to the Cottonwood Baptist Church Youth Fund, P.O. Box 267, Scurry, TX 75158, or the First United Methodist Church building fund, 208 S. Houston St., Kaufman, TX 75142.

## William Warren Quincy, Jr.

Services for William "Bill" Warren Quincy, Jr. of Ada, Okla. were January 12, 2008 at Smith-Phillips Funeral Home in Ada. Interment followed in Memorial Park Cemetery in Ada. Officiating were Rev. Kevin Crooks and Rev. Vickie Crooks.

Mr. Quincy died, January 8, 2008 at an Ada hospital at the age of 85. He was born July 31, 1922 in Ada to William Warren Quincy, Sr. and Maltsie Carney Quincy. He married Mavis Jo William, November 14, 1947 in Ada. Mavis Quincy passed from his life on March 23, 2006.

Mr. Quincy attended Homer Elementary School and graduated from Byng (OK) High School. He graduated from East Central University in Ada with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education.

He worked at OG&E in the accounting department for 31 years. He was a member of First Christian Church of Ada and had served as an elder and a deacon. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II from July 19, 1942 to

August 13, 1946.

He was a member of several different organizations, the Chickasaw Honor Guard, the Chickasaw Election Commission, a Boy Scout leader for Troop 4 in Ada, and the Ada Jaycees. Some of the things he enjoyed were fishing, football, baseball and trucking in which he and Mavis traveled the world.

Mr. Quincy is survived by a nephew including Joe D. Lowe and his wife Geri of Albuquerque, N.M.; two nieces, Betty Soto, of Norman, Okla. and Sharon Roth, of Crown Point, Indiana; numerous great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces, and great-great nephews; and a lot of friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mavis Quincy; his parents, William, Sr. and Maltsie Quincy; two nephews, Larry Gene William and Robert B. Lowe; and a brother-in-law, Sam D. Lowe.

Pallbearers were Joe. D Lowe, Daniel A. Lowe, Jeff D. Lowe, Michael Low, Mark Soto, Randy Soto and Howard Lowe.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Chickasaw Honor Guard.

## Pauline Williford Adkins

Pauline (Polly) Williford Adkins, 81, of Madill, Okla. died Sunday, December 23, 2007 at a Madill hospital.

Mrs. Adkins was born in Lebanon, Okla. to Dink Ellis Williford and Rosie McLish Williford on January 6, 1926. She was raised in Lebanon and later moved to Dallas, Texas where she lived for 40 years. In 1987 she moved back to Lebanon where she lived until moving to the Brookside Nursing Center.

Mrs. Adkins married Jimmie Walden. He preceded her in death. Later she married Elton Adkins and he also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Adkins was a graduate of the Carter Seminary and also attended the Chilocco Indian School. She was a member of Ohoyohoma Club. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and going to the Chickasaw Senior Citizen Center in Oakland.

She is survived by a son, Stephen and wife Tina Walden, Waxahachie, Texas; a sister,

Lorena Wooley, Desoto, Texas; and two grandchildren, Jennifer and Robert Walden.

Mrs. Adkins was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, two brothers. Ruben and John Williford, two sisters, Verna Cobb and Rena Friday. Funeral services were December 27, 2007 at the Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill, Okla. Jerry Imotichey officiated the service. Interment followed in Keel Cemetery, Madill. Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneral-home.com

Casket bearers were Larry Williford, Dink Williford, Curtis Fortner, Greg Williford, Jason Williford and Alan Williford.

Honorary bearers were Frank Potts and John Cobb.

## Thomas Haskell Paul

Thomas Haskell Paul died Dec. 13, 2007 in Ada, Okla. A memorial service is scheduled for March 15 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mr. Paul was born at Norman, Okla. in 1928. He graduated

from Pauls Valley (OK) High School. He attended college at New Mexico Institute of Mining Technology in Socorro. He also served in the Korean War.

Mr. Paul moved to Ada, Okla., in 2006 after living in New Mexico for nearly 60 years.

He worked as an electronics technician for Land-Air Corporation on White Sands Missile Range where he developed a technique for measuring the speed of test aircraft using geophones. This technique was used to help verify the speed of the record breaking Sage Burner F-4H Phantom II clocking in at 900.27 mph (Mach 1.2 at 125 feet above terrain.)

While in New Mexico Mr. Paul worked for nearly 50 years as a land surveyor doing work throughout the state.

Survivors include a daughter, Flora Fenchell, of Herndon, Virginia; four sons, Christopher Paul, of Riverside, Calif.; Michael Paul, of Albuquerque, Charles Paul, of Belen, N.M., and Homer Paul, of Little Rock, Arkansas; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; an aunt, Jim Gunning, Oklahoma City and a cousin, Christeen Swinney, Elmore City, Okla.

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# Indian-authored books receive Youth Literature Awards

Three Indian-authored books, including one by a Choctaw writer, have recently received awards for excellence in youth literature.

The American Indian Youth Literature Award was presented to Tim Tingle, a Choctaw author, for his picture book, "Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom."

This beautifully inspired story recounts the friendship between Martha Tom, a Choctaw girl, and Li' Mo, a slave boy. The story centers on the principal characters' relationship and how it brings wholeness and freedom to not only Mo's family, but to many slave families.

The illustrations by Jeanne Rorex Bridge enhance the story

by resonating the joy of friendship, the light of faith and the leadership of children.

The American Indian Youth Literature Award is presented in three categories: picture book, middle school and young adult. Each winner receives \$500 and a custom beaded medallion, each of which are presented at the American Library Association

Annual Conference at Anaheim, Calif.

The middle school winner was Joseph Medicine Crow for "Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation

and Beyond."

The young adult winner was Sherman Alexie for "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian."

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came a career woman at a time when that was quite unusual.

She taught school in Coalgate and Tupelo after graduating from Tupelo High School and Pittsburg Teachers' College in Kansas.

She later took a job as a clerk for the Oklahoma Supreme Court where she met her future husband.

Somewhat ironically, Mrs. Blackbird's parents came together as a result of the Oklahoma Land Run of 1889.

Her grandfather, Edwin Hawley, made the land run and

settled near Britton, I.T. Later, he moved to a farm near Byrds Prairie, I.T., where Edwin's son, Arthur, worked for William Colley. That is where he met and later married Elizabeth Colley, who became mother to Daisy.

"Daisy's life is symbolic of how American Indians and pioneers have united families, married cultures and joined together to create a truly unique heritage in the state of Oklahoma," said Gov. Anoatubby.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## 'Lure of the Indian Country' republished

The Arbuckle Historical Society of Murray County, Oklahoma has recently republished a unique volume whose subject matter centers on Chickasaws.

"The Lure of the Indian Country and a Romance of its Great Resort" was originally published in 1908. The book was written by Aaron Abbott.

"Toward the end of the 19th Century, Native Americans had

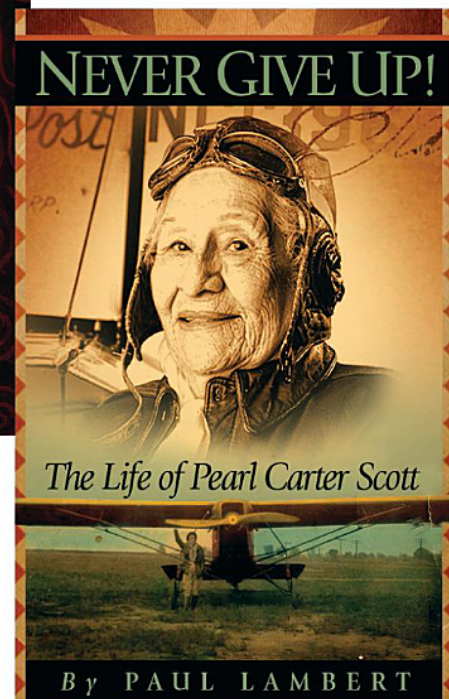
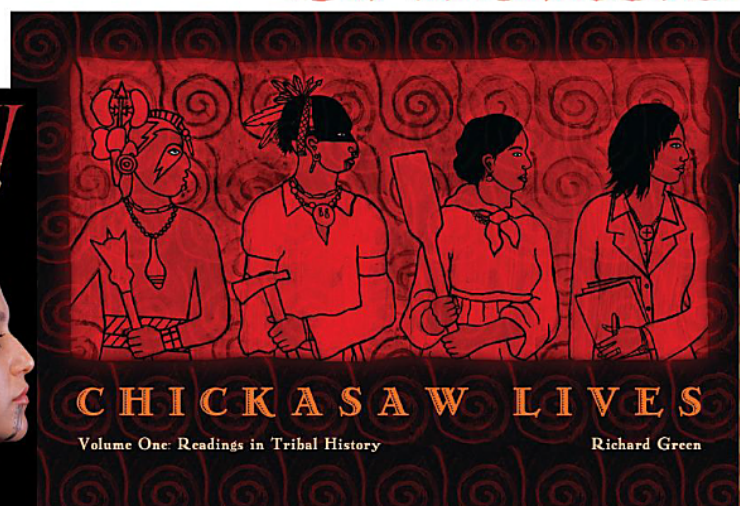
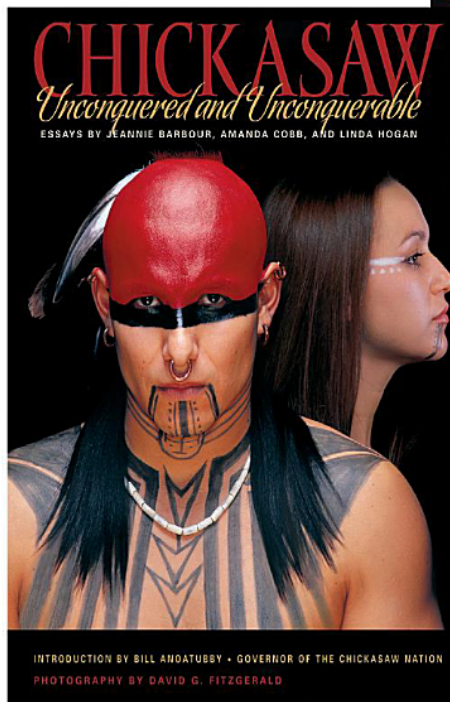
been pushed into the center of our nation and were caught up in the process of being 'normalized.' Oklahoma ended up being the final resting place for many of the Native American Nations. Abbott's 'The lure of the Indian Country' is a looking glass into the past. It is a blend of fact, fiction, romance, and politics portraying the early beginnings of Sulphur, Oklahoma, and the

surrounding communities," the volume's foreword states.

This book is available through the historical society for \$15.95, plus \$1.52 tax. All proceeds go to the Arbuckle Historical Society of Murray County, a non-profit organization.

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